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recount
how they
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Sgt. Jim Davis, 34, of Kokomo, Ind., provides cover for soldiers and reporters as the group moves through an alley in Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 27.

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Nation

Church sexual abuse: One of two remaining accusers in the Paul Shanley rape case did not appear in court Friday for a pretrial hearing, but prosecutors said they expected the accuser to remain in the case.

Shanley's defense attorney, Frank Mondano, questioned whether the accuser was going to "stay the course" in the case. But district attorney's spokesman Tim St. Laurent told the Boston Herald, "The charges do stand and we will go forward."

The 73-year-old defrocked priest was a key figure in the church sexual abuse scandal that began in Boston in 2002.

Shanley is currently facing six rape charges and four charges of indecent assault. Prosecutors in July dropped several charges brought by accusers Anthony Driscoll and Gregory Ford.

Baseball bat beating: A second suspect has pleaded not guilty in the baseball bat beating deaths of six people last month.

Jervone Hunter, 18, filed the plea Thursday afternoon, his attorney said Friday. The accused ringleader, Troy Victorino, 27, entered a not-guilty plea last month.

An arraignment for the four suspects was set for Monday.

Victorino, Hunter, Michael Salas, 18, and Robert Cannon, 18, were each charged with first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, abuse of a human body and armed burglary. They also were charged with cruelty to animals for killing a small dog that was in the house.

State Attorney John Tanner said he would seek the death penalty for all four defendants.

Hunter, Salas and Cannon confessed to participating in the Aug. 6 murders, according to investigators with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

Teacher-student relationship: A man who had two children with his former sixth-grade teacher said the two have been meeting daily since her release from prison last month and would like to marry.

Mary Kay Letourneau, 42, served 7½ years in prison for child rape for her relationship with Vili Fualaau, who was 12 when their relationship began at a Seattle-area school. "We still have the same feelings for each other, times forever," Fualaau, now 21, said in an interview at air Wednesday on "The Larry Elder Show," a newly syndicated television show.

A judge last month granted Fualaau's request to lift an order barring Letourneau from contacting him. He said he's been "seeing her every day" since her release, Fualaau said.

The couple's daughters, ages 7 and 6, are in the custody of Fualaau's mother. Fualaau said he will seek custody of them at some point.

Smuggled immigrants: A federal grand jury indicted two Hong Kong brothers Friday for allegedly plotting a scheme in which 17 Chinese immigrants were smuggled into port inside a 40-foot-long shipping container.



Afghanistan elections: Afghan boys display posters of Ahmad Shah Masoud and walk around his mausoleum at a ceremony marking the third anniversary of his assassination in the village of Basarak in the Panjshir valley, about 100 miles north of Afghanistan's capital, Kabul. Masoud was killed in an armed struggle against the Taliban before he was killed. Meanwhile, the Afghan government on Saturday announced the replacement of two regional governors in a move to establish control ahead of landmark presidential elections.

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Yau-Hang Chan and Yau-Hung Chan were being held by Hong Kong authorities on Chinese immigration charges and U.S. authorities plan to seek their extradition, said Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Officers acting on a tip found the smuggled immigrants Feb. 24 in a shipping container at the Port of Los Angeles. They had spent about 25 days inside the box with little more than water, dried noodles, battery-powered fans and makeshift toilets fashioned from water bottles, officials said.

A 10-inch hole in the container provided ventilation, officials said.

West Nile virus: Oregon's first confirmed human case of West Nile virus has been found in a teenage boy, health officials said Friday.

The boy probably was exposed to the disease last month when bitten by an infected mosquito, said Dr. Mel Kohn, the state epidemiologist.

Kohn declined to identify the teenager, who went to an emergency room for his symptoms but was never hospitalized. He has since recovered.

Kohn warned that the disease could be more severe next summer.

"I would say that the second year after we've had an infection like this tends to be much worse," he said.

Janklow accident: The family of a man killed when Bill Janklow sped through a stop sign and hit his motorcycle was the former South Dakota congressman to pay civil damages — not the federal government. Ronald Meshesher, attorney for the family of Randy Scott, asked U.S. District

Judge Ann Montgomery at an appeals hearing Friday to return the family's wrongful death lawsuit to state court in Minnesota.

Scott's family wants the case returned to Minnesota, where Scott lived and where the lawsuit was filed, so they can seek money from Janklow through punitive damages, which are not allowed in federal court.

Janklow, 64, resigned from Congress in January after being convicted in South Dakota of second-degree murder and other charges stemming from Scott's death. He has appealed his criminal conviction to that state's Supreme Court, which has not yet ruled.

World

Mexico drug trafficking: A Mexican court has upheld the 15-year prison sentence against a man found guilty of helping to operate a drug-trafficking tunnel between Mexico and the United States, officials said Friday.

José Marco Antonio Ortiz, 37, had appealed the sentence on drug trafficking charges that was first handed down in May, but a judge rejected his appeal, the federal Attorney General's office said in a news release.

The drug tunnel was uncovered in April.

Serial killer case: Confessed serial killer Michel Fournier is mentally fit to stand trial in Belgium, according to a psychiatric report presented Friday.

The report was presented to a court in the southern city of Dinant which confirmed a pretrial detention order on Fournier after a short hearing.

Fournier, 62, has confessed to killing nine people, mostly girls and young women, in France and Belgium between 1987 and 2001.

He is also suspected of more killings. No date has yet been set for his trial.

Milosevic trial: A group that supports former President Slobodan Milosevic appealed Saturday to Serbian authorities to assist the war crimes suspect's defense in his trial at the U.N. war crimes court in the Netherlands.

Responding to a decision by the U.N. tribunal to appoint two defense lawyers for Milosevic against his will, the group demanded that Belgrade "do all it can to ensure that the rights of Slobodan Milosevic, a citizen of our country, are protected."

Called Sloboda, or Freedom, the group accused the U.N. court of violating "all international norms and conventions by imposing unwanted counsel" on Milosevic, who had been defending himself.

The court said last week appointing the lawyers was necessary because Milosevic is not healthy enough to defend himself.

Milosevic's poor health has caused numerous delays in the trial, which began more than 2½ years ago.

Middle East unrest: Israeli troops moved out of the northern Gaza Strip on Saturday, after a four-day operation that left eight Palestinians dead and tens of thousands in the area under electricity and running water.

At daybreak, tanks drove away from the towns of Beit Lahia and Beit Hanoun and the outskirts of the sprawling Jebelja refugee camp, from where Palestinian militants frequently fire rockets at Jewish settlements and Israeli border towns.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Correction

A Sept. 1 story about Brig. Gen. Rebecca Halstead's promotion contained incorrect information. None of the soldiers who jumped into Grenada on Oct. 25, 1983, were women.

Comics, horoscopes and advice
every day in Stars and Stripes

... Guard in Iraq recalls Sept. 11 attacks

Many troops who were on the scene at the World Trade Center now fighting abroad

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE O'RYAN, Iraq — Sept. 11, 2001, has a special meaning for hundreds of deployed military members who were either witnesses to or involved in the immediate aftermath of the attack.

But perhaps the day means the most to 50 or so of the soldiers of the New York National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment.

These men were part of the New York National Guard who were the first military responders to the New York disaster, said Task Force 2-108th commander, Lt. Col. Mark Warnecke, of Saugerties, N.Y. The guard unit helped secure a perimeter around the New York crash site immediately after the attack.

Now the 2-108th, an air assault battalion, has been deployed to Iraq as "Task Force Hunter" at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, near Balad. The unit is under the control of Capt. Randall Dragon of Arlington, Va., commander of the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Combat Brigade Team.

To the 2-108th, the Iraq deployment "takes the war [on terror] full cycle," Warnecke said.

After the initial attacks on the twin towers, the N.Y. guardsmen were sent to provide security for airports, bridges, nuclear facilities, and other key places around the state.

"And now we're mobilized" for



Operation Iraq Freedom II, he said.

But the memories of what started it all will never go away.

"I remember on Sept. 12, in the piles of rubble near [Ground Zero], seeing a woman's hand," said Warnecke said during a commemoration ceremony held at

FOB O'Ryan. "And in that hand was a small, singed and dust-covered teddy bear with a heart on its chest. On the heart were the words, 'I love you, Mommy'." Warnecke told his assembled troops.

"To mother and child I say, late on dark nights in Iraq, when I am



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Left: A soldier from the 1st ID Support Command contemplates the new fallen soldier fountain and reflection pool opened Sept. 11 at Camp Speicher. Right: Second Lt. Lee Tate, of Staunton, Va., plays "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes during a Sept. 11 ceremony at Forward Operating Base O'Ryan, near Balad.

on patrol, you are both with me," Warnecke said. "And I know why I am here."

The unit's Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Wicks, of West Sand Lake, N.Y., remembers, too.

As a New Yorker, "I feel I have a vested interest" in the Iraq mission, he said. "I'm here so my children won't have to be here."

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At Camp Speicher, Gen. Stephen Mundi, the 1st Infantry Division's assistant division commander for support, said he also can't forget Sept. 11.

Mundi, who was then the division chief for the section of the Army that deals with aviation issues, was just leaving the Pentagon to attend an Army Aviation transformation meeting with the National Guard building on the day the terrorists attacked the United States.

As he was leaving the South parking lot, Mundi, of Colorado Springs, Colo., saw the aircraft as it made its fateful turn from the highway and towards the building.

"Three years ago, the nation was at peace," Mundi told the soldiers of Camp Speicher, home to the 1st Infantry Division's Support Command.

"It was all shattered on Sept. 11," Mundi said during a morning ceremony at Speicher to dedicate three separate memorials to both the victims of Sept. 11, and the military members who have been fighting the war on terror ever since.

And while "more than 1,000 American lives lost [in Iraq] is a tragedy, like each and every one of you, I will gladly sacrifice my life ... to see that all men and women are free and equal," Mundi said.

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Blasts hit capital, U.S. consular office

BY BASSEM MROUE

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Large explosions shook the center of the Iraqi capital late Saturday, only hours after a bomb detonated near a U.S. consular office in southern Iraq, killing one person and wounding another.

The blasts in Baghdad occurred about 10:10 p.m. and were part of a series of strong detonations which rattled the heart of the city throughout the day.

In the late night barrage, three or four projectiles — mortar shells or rockets — slammed into a group of apartment buildings off Firdos Square across the street from the Palestine and Sheraton hotels where many international journalists are based.

Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman, an Interior Ministry official, said there were no reports of casualties around the apartment houses.

In Basra, Iraq's major southern city, a bomb exploded outside a Saddam Hussein palace that now houses a U.S. consular office. Police said one person died and two were wounded — all believed to be Iraqis.

Meanwhile in Baghdad, a U.S. warplane, launched an airstrike on militants loyal to rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Saturday as American and Iraqi forces attacked militants hunkered down in the sprawling eastern Baghdad slum of Sadr City.

The plane fired on a team of militiamen manning a machine gun, said U.S. Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Residents reported that gunfire rocked the city be-

fore the attack, but there was no word on civilian casualties.

"They spotted the team from the air ... and they engaged and destroyed the team," O'Malley said.

To the north of the capital, more residents fled the city of Tal Afar amid a siege of the largely ethnic Turkish city where Iraqi and American forces say they are trying to root out hundreds of militants and restore government control, the military said.

The extent of the exodus was not immediately clear, but the military said the International Red Crescent was offering help and medical care to the displaced.

U.S. commanders have insisted they will limit traffic into and out of Tal Afar for as long as it takes to subdue what they said were foreign fighters holed up there. Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said U.S. forces and Iraqi National Guard troops are screening anyone who wants to return.

"They're very careful about letting people back in the city," he said, adding that the military wants to prevent foreign fighters from slipping back in.

The siege of Tal Afar, which the Americans describe as a hub for militants smuggling fighters and arms from Syria, has been criticized from within and outside Iraq.

A leading Shiite Muslim politician, Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, said the Americans' caused "catastrophes" by using force — a situation that he said would have been avoided if the Iraqis were in charge of security. U.S. troops have said they were fighting "a large terrorist organization."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,008 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 762 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Iceland and the Netherlands two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 867 U.S. servicemen have died — 650 as a result of hostile action and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths were reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. James D. Faulkner, 23, Clarksville, Ind.; died Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq when his military vehicle hit an explosive, assigned to the 20th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, 20, Newark, N.J.; died Tuesday in Sadr City, Iraq when his vehicle came under attack; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division; Fort Riley, Kan.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Elvis Bourdon, 36, Youngstown, Ohio; died Monday in Baghdad, Iraq when his vehicle came under attack; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Brandon M. Read, 21, Greenville, Tenn.; died Monday in Qayyarah, Iraq, when his convoy came under attack; assigned to the 125th Transportation Company, Lexington, Ky.

■ Army Pfc. Ryan M. McCauley, 20, Lewisville, Texas; died Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq when his patrol came under attack; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

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Talks aside, Najaf was won on the ground

Troops' systematic seizure of areas around Imam Ali mosque led to eventual cease-fire

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

From the first clashes with Muqtada al-Sadr's militia members on the streets of Najaf, Iraq, on Aug. 12, to the final cease-fire 15 days later, American troops fought a battle that sometimes was overshadowed by political and religious events.

But as the politicians and religious leaders met, soldiers and Marines fought — and dominated — the battlefield.

"The soldiers and Marines that fought with Task Force 2-7 performed remarkably," said Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, commander, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "They took the fight to the enemy and closed with the enemy and destroyed the enemy, whether he attacked us, or attempted to hide from us, or attempted to exfiltrate away from us."

Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, along with a battalion landing team from the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment took part in the fight.

The plan was simple. While 1-5 Cav and BLT 1/4 pushed from the north toward Najaf's Medina — an area that houses the Imam Ali mosque and was the focal point of the militia's defense — 2-7 Cavalry fought its battle from the south and east through the old city of Najaf.

"Our original plan ... was aimed at seizing areas from which we could dominate portions of the city," said 2-7 Cav operations officer Maj. Tim Karcher, 37, of Harker Heights, Texas.

During their first day of battle, Cougar Company fought its way into the southwest corner of the city, where it faced a barrage of small arms fire, rocket-propelled grenades and even makeshift bombs.

Concurrently, Apache and Comanche companies pushed up



Spec. Mario Trigueros of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, stands guard in Objective Christy in Najaf, as smoke from a burning building rises behind him.

from the south, taking the southeast portion of the old city area. Comanche then drove north, cutting off the Medina complex from near by Kufa, which was believed to be the main supply route for militia forces.

"The enemy fighters seemed to be caught off guard initially," said Karcher. "We ruptured their defenses. We had traumatized the enemy, we hit them so quickly and hard."

Over the next two days, the battalion advanced to selected objectives, tightening the noose around the militia forces in the Medina.

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2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment operations officer

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Once the key points, usually schools or factory complexes, were taken, the battalion found

that the enemy would usually either melt away or attempt to sneak back toward the Medina.

By Aug. 23, 2-7 Cav was less than 100 meters outside of the Medina complex, which was bordered by a ring road. Inside was a coalition-designated exclusion zone in which U.S. forces couldn't initially operate.

As Army units drew closer to the Medina, the exclusion zone became smaller, eventually shrinking to right around the Imam Ali mosque.

Within 24 hours, 2-7 Cav got its first foothold in the Medina when a patrol led by Sgt. Chad Overman of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the Arkansas Army National Guard, crossed into the exclusion zone.

By Aug. 24, companies from 1-5 Cav covered the Medina's northern edge, while the Marines held the northwest edge. Apache Company of 2-7 Cav held the Medina's eastern edge, Comanche the south-eastern edge and Cougar sat near the southern edge. The desert provided the Medina's western border.

Forces slowly pushed ahead, using aircraft, artillery and armor to help clear the enemy fighters from their fighting positions.

On Thursday, Aug. 26, militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr and Iraqi civilian and religious officials agreed to a cease-fire and withdrawal of militia fighters set for the next day.

Despite an end to the major fighting, 2-7 Cav had five wounded from enemy fire after the cease-fire was announced.

Pilgrims replaced troops in Najaf that Friday, the traditional Muslim holy day, as thousands converged on the mosque. By that evening, the first U.S. elements had withdrawn from their positions, which were as close as 200 meters from the mosque.

A few days later at Camp David, a desert Marine Corps base near Najaf, Rainey summed up the battalion's two-week fight. "While we had 29 wounded, none of those soldiers lost their lives," said Rainey. "Any time you can accomplish a mission in urban [areas] ... for 15 days and not lose a soldier there's got to be a large amount of grace from God."

Seven Marines and three soldiers from other units were killed during the fighting, which also left hundreds of militia members dead.

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Life from the battlefield: Eyewitness accounts of Najaf

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

What follows are accounts of the battle in the soldiers' own words:

Staff Sgt. Jeff Young, 25, from Killean, Texas

A sniper with 2-7 Cav's scout platoon, Young was one of dozens of snipers from all services and even other coalition partners.

"The ones we were getting shots on and killing were really obvious. Ninety percent of the job is observation and reporting, and 10 percent is the actual trigger-pulling. I thought it would be the other way around."

"We actually got pinned down a couple times and called for suppressive fire so we could get off a roof or get out of a room."

"We did have one that actually ... hit our building for a couple of days. On the third or fourth day, he actually got rounds into the building. We got lucky when the sun was going down. It hit his scope at the right angle and we got a glare in our direction, so we engaged it. We're not 100 percent on the [result], but he gave us a few scares."

"That's what part of our job entails, being patient and waiting for the shot or waiting for someone to make a move."



Young

Staff Sgt. Gregory Van Horn, 27, from Pottstown, Pa.

A Bradley commander for Company C, 2-7 Cav., Van Horn's crew provided support for ground troops during the fight, firing 3,200 25 mm high-explosive rounds and thousands of 7.62 mm rounds. Their first major fight was on the battle's second day.

"The next morning brought the good news that we were going to attack Objective Comanche, which was moving toward the inner ring. That was our first taste of the real all-out gunfight in the city."

"As we moved down toward the inner ring, there was a mass of small arms fire, RPGs coming from both sides of the road and straight ahead. We pushed down, directly behind two tanks. Once we got down there, the tanks peeled left and we continued straight toward the inner ring."

"That's when all hell pretty much broke loose. We had multiple RPGs being fired at the same time. We were engaging mainly with 25 mm HE straight ahead at the buildings just on the outer part of the inner ring. In the middle of the gunfight, we were told to stop the attack and pull back for the first round of the peace talks."



Staff Sgt. Gregory Van Horn, 27, from Pottstown, Pa., a Bradley commander for Company C, 2-7 Cav.

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Troops: Through ghosts towns and into exclusion zone

FROM PAGE 4

Sgt. Chad Overman, 23, from Pocahontas, Ark.

A team leader with Company C, 3-153rd, Overman was the first American into the exclusion zone surrounding the Imam Ali mosque in the battle's final days.

"We were set to clear three buildings with about 13 dismounts [foot soldiers]. The Bradleys first secured a perimeter and the Humvees drove in there and dropped us off. We went into the first building but it was burning so we could only clear about half of it."

"Then we crossed the street and cleared this motel, which was actually burning, too. We went up into there and [Sgt. Brian Hill] actually shot an RPG guy. All you could see was his head and he hit him. He dropped and the RPG fell off. They slowly drug his body back. It was like a 200-meter shot."

"Then we ended up going north into the exclusion zone another 150 meters or so. We ended moving down the alley and got shot at from the front and we could see a couple of guys moving around,



Wright

but we couldn't shoot them. We just fired to suppress them, keep them from firing at us."

"It took us about 30 minutes to move 150 meters because we were zig-zagging back and forth and getting under cover. We were dismounted into the exclusion zone further than anyone else for the first couple of days."

Sp. Keith Dow, 24, from Portland, Ore.

A squad automatic weapon gunner with Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, attached to 2-7 Cav. Dow survived an RPG hit on his position during an early-morning guard shift.

"We were doing two-hour shifts and ... I was trying to keep

Late in the battle, four soldiers cleared a basement containing three militia members. One of the enemy threw a grenade, slightly wounding the soldiers. Two of the three militia members were killed in the ensuing hand-to-hand fight. A medic with Company A, 3-153rd, attached to the 2-7 Cav. Wright cared for the wounded.

"We didn't have anything major until ... the final assault push. They received RPG fire ... and a couple of guys got shrapnel wounds. We fell back a little to a house to get away, get some cover. Then we had the team go down into the basement and there was somebody down there. One of the hostiles threw a grenade at the team and that's when we received the worst of the casualties."

"It could have been a lot worse. We were really lucky. I was surprised at the amount of casualties we took. I expected major gunshot wounds ... but nobody was injured as bad as I thought. I thought about it every day; I'm glad it didn't happen."

Sgt. Cody Wright, 24, from Cabot, Ark.

myself awake. I ... decided to grab a piece of paper. As soon as I bent over, all I felt was something like a horse kicking me in the chest and saw a bright light. I didn't hear it, or see it, or anything else. Then I'm on my back and all I can taste is gunpowder. It was a strange feeling. I didn't know what happened and it felt like my head was blown to pieces."



Dow

"My squad leader was with me

and asked me if I was all right. I said, 'No, I'm down.'"

"I crawled toward his voice because I couldn't stand up, and one kind of helped each other walk out of there. Our medic checked me out; I just got just a couple of scrapes and bruises. This big refrigerator that we put up in the window saved our lives. It was just kind of shocking; it rung my bell. I couldn't hear anything for a day and a half or two days."

Staff Sgt. Santiago Larriva, 26, from Nogales, Ariz.

A tanker with Company C, 3-8 Cav., attached to Apache Co., 2-7 Cav., Larriva was the tank commander for the first MIA2 to enter Najaf.

"We had all of our tanks and Bradleys with us and as soon as we hit the bottom of the hill we got hit with an IED."

"We crested the top of the hill and that's when the RPGs started flying. It looked like a ghost town up there. There was nothing on the streets except donkey carts. No people running around. No cars, no civilian traffic."

was a lot of cat-and-mouse set up there; they'd run up an alley 800 meters out. They'd stop in the middle, sometimes, and fire an RPG and keep going. I didn't know when it was coming, but you knew it was coming at some point. A lot of times it was when you least expected it, of course."

"There were a couple of days when they'd use donkey carts that had a rope tied to them and an RPG on it. They'd slide it into the middle of the alley and it'd fire but it was so inaccurate. "This fight definitely keeps your head in the game at all times because there was always something going on. Even when we were back at the show you'd hear mortars or snipers firing."

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The Manchus of the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment are in Iraq to gather intelligence and assist civil affairs project planning. The first step in this process is to get acquainted with their neighbors and new environment.

Left: 1-9 soldiers had their Humvee driving skills tested on the way to visit a local sheik in Iraq.

Right: HHC, 1-9 soldier 1st Lt. Kevin Morris, 24, of O'Fallon, Mo., introduces himself to Adel Sala Dari, the 18-year-old son of an Iraqi sheik.



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Soldiers embark on neighborly quest

2nd ID's Manchus socialize with locals to gather intelligence

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP RAMADI, Iraq — The Manchus of the 2nd Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment are meeting their neighbors in Iraq, a task that tests soldiers' off-road driving and navigation skills in one of the largest areas of operation in the country.

The Manchus arrived in Iraq earlier this month as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team Strike Force, which left bases near South Korea's Demilitarized Zone in August. Their area of operations in Iraq is a vast expanse of desert and farmland, comprising 3,500 square miles with few cities.

One of the Manchus' first tasks was to introduce themselves to the locals, a first step in a process designed to gather intelligence and assist civil affairs project planning.

Soldiers from 1-9's Company A and Headquarters and Headquarters Company drop deep into the rural Iraqi heartland with the goal of meeting a powerful sheik. The sheik is a tribal leader to thousands of Iraqis living in his community and owns a strategically important service station on a main supply route, explained one of the HHC soldiers, 1st Lt. Kevin Morris, 24, of O'Fallon, Mo.

The Manchus had a map, Global Positioning System coordinates for the sheik's house and a soldier who had worked in the area for almost a year guiding them, but it was still hard to find.

Once their convoy of Humvees left the main road, it entered a maze of sandy farm tracks that wound between ploughed fields and irrigation canals. The roads often dead-ended in somebody's back yard. In other places, power and phone lines strung from trees hung low over the road and got

tangled in the Humvee antennas. It was the first time Company A Humvee driver Pfc. Balzhazar Delgado, 19, of Corpus Christie, Texas, had tested his skills on Iraq's roads.

"I was surprised by the terrain. There were [canals] on the side of the road that you could fall in," he said.

The dust kicked up by the Humvees made the drive even more dangerous, since it was hard to see vehicles in front, he said. Eventually, the convoy reached the sheik's house, an elaborately carved stone building with a large grassy lawn and date palms growing nearby.

"It is not like working in South Korea," Morris said. "You can't just pick up a phone and call these people. You have to go out and see them and hope they are home."

Before approaching the sheik's house, the young lieutenant — who is the Manchus' civil military operations officer — was nervous about the reception he might receive. U.S. forces had not visited the man in several months and it was not clear whether he supported or opposed the new Iraqi government, he said.

But it was not the sheik who came to the door to greet the Manchus. It was his 18-year-old son, Adel Sala Dari, who told the soldiers his father was in Baghdad. Morris introduced himself to Dari and his two young brothers. The boys got a plate of chow hall cookies and a soccer ball from the soldiers.

Through a translator, Dari said he was on holiday from his job as a frontier guardsman on the Jordanian border. The young Iraqi said he was optimistic about his country's future but that there were some problems with infrastructure in his community.

"Right now, there is no power and no water," he said pointing up at a tangle of electrical wires hanging from a nearby tree.

Electricity supply in the community is erratic and locals drink water from the same local streams and canals from which their animals drink, Dari said.

"Sometimes the water makes them sick," he added. Morris told Dari that he would visit again to talk to his father and that he would look into the problems with water and electricity. Previous units have already done a lot of work to restore schools, electricity and water to the area, he said.

"There is more money to spend here but because of the transfer of authority, it has to go through the Iraqi government," he said.

Even though the sheik was not there, Morris seemed happy to have established contact with some of the locals. The positive attitude of the sheik's sons was a good start, he said.

"Just because his kids are friendly doesn't mean the sheik will be friendly, but it is a good sign," he said.

Another soldier interacting with the Iraqis was Sgt. Harry Burgess, 27, of Indianapolis, Ind. Burgess is a forward artillery observer, but since Manchus do not expect to call for artillery often, he is also responsible for civil affairs work. He has been im-

pressed by the positive response of the Iraqis he has met so far, he said.

"The children are always waving and giving us the thumbs up and a lot of the older people I have met have also been positive," he said.

Iraq is a chance for Manchus to experience another culture but the view they get will be limited, he said.

"I am loving going out to talk to people, meet people and see how they are living, but in South Korea it was better because you could go out and see what the culture is like. Here you are on a team on a mission so you don't get to engage with the culture as much," he said.

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1-9 soldiers work to free a Humvee aerial from low-hanging power lines in this man's front yard after taking a wrong turn on the way to visit the local sheik.

M1 soldier guilty of abusing prisoners

BY MARIAM FARM

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A U.S. Army specialist pleaded guilty Saturday to abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib prison, the first Military Intelligence soldier to stand trial in the scandal that has so far focused prison guard reservists.

Spc. Armin J. Cruz, of Plano, Texas, was assigned to the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion at the grim facility on the western edge of Baghdad. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to maltreatment of prisoners.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, sentenced Cruz to eight months confinement, reduction in rank and bad conduct discharge. The prosecution alleged Cruz forced naked prisoners to crawl along the floor and later handcuffed the men together. Cruz broke down in tears as he told the judge that the abuse occurred a month after he was assigned to his sergeant and another American soldier.

Defense attorney Stephen P. Karns argued that Cruz was suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Chief prosecutor Maj. Michael R. Holley said Cruz was not forced to take part in the abuse and that his actions contributed "to the tarnishing of the reputation and the image of U.S. forces."

Cruz became the second soldier convicted so far in the prison scandal, which broke last spring when CBS' "60 Minutes IV" broadcast photos of Iraqi prisoners enduring sexual and other humiliation at the hands of grinning American guards.

In May, Spc. Jeremy C. Svits pleaded guilty to four counts of abuse at his court-martial and was sentenced to a year in prison, reduction in rank and a bad conduct discharge.

Six other enlisted soldiers from the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Resawood, Md., face charges in the scandal.

However, lawyers for the accused MPs have long contended that their clients were acting under instructions of intelligence agents and civilian contractors, who pushed them to "soften up" prisoners suspected of having information about attacks against Americans.

A probe conducted by Maj. Gen. George Fay focused on the role of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade at Abu Ghraib, which oversaw interrogations at the grim facility northwest of Baghdad.

The report identified 27 people attached to the intelligence brigade — both soldiers and contractors — who are accused of complicity in the abuses, which were widely depicted in photographs that tarnished America's image worldwide.

Associated Press correspondent Bassam Moussa contributed to this report.

Amputee reservist re-enlists, gets Bronze Star on same day

Sergeant lost part of his arm in Iraq IED attack

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — An Army reservist who lost his right arm in a roadside bombing in Iraq re-enlisted in the Army on the same day he received a Bronze Star for his service.

Sgt. Chuck Bartles, 26, raised his prosthetic right arm with his left hand as he took an oath Thursday during a re-enlistment ceremony at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville.

Bartles was injured when his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb last year. One soldier died and two others were injured in



THE FAYETTEVILLE (N.C.) OBSERVER/AP

Sgt. Chuck Bartles, who lost part of his arm in Iraq, re-enlists Thursday after receiving the Bronze Star in Fayetteville, N.C. Bartles was injured when a roadside bomb rocked his vehicle. One soldier died in the attack.

the attack. Bartles' right arm was shattered and doctors had to amputate the arm above the elbow.

"I'm not bitter at all," he said. "I've been in the military my whole adult life, and I really enjoy it."

Amputees usually are given

medical discharges, but Bartles twice appealed to officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Satisfied that he could perform his duties, they agreed to let him re-enlist.

Bartles' commander visited him at a hospital in Iraq the day after his amputation and praised his positive attitude.

"He was already talking about learning how to shoot left-handed because he didn't want to miss the deer season," said Lt. Col. James Suriano, commander of the 418th Civil Affairs Battalion.

Bartles, who is studying Russian and Eastern European studies at the University of Kansas at Lawrence, has been in the military reserves for eight years. He began in the Marines but switched to the Army three years ago to pursue language studies.



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JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

ESPN's SportsCenter set at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, features defensive bunkers and sandbagged anchors' desks. The popular sports network will be airing live and taped shows from Kuwait all week.

ESPN salutes troops with visit to Kuwait

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — Sports fans, your week is here.

ESPN's daily news program SportsCenter will be broadcast live next week from Camp Arifjan.

"The only reason we're here is to 'salute the troops' and bring them a bit of Americana," said ESPN senior coordinating director Dave Weiler.

"Salute the Troops" week includes five live SportsCenter, complete with military and civilian members in the audience, and reports from most of Kuwait's military bases.

"Other than a USO tour, I can't think of an event where an organization brought their entire show to such an austere environment," said Maj. Larry Crawl, operations officer for Coalition forces Land Component Command public affairs.

Weiler said there will be plenty of familiar faces for regular SportsCenter viewers. Anchors Steve Levy, Kenny Mayne, Stuart Scott, and reporter Lisa Salters all are in Kuwait.

Some new faces are expected on the set, however. Crawl said soldiers will take part in some shows. Soldiers also helped ESPN staff come up with an appropriate "look" for the Kuwait shows.

Camp Arifjan's SportsCenter will feature corner defensive bunkers and sand-bagged anchors' desks.

Though the look is different, don't expect any differences in coverage, Weiler said.

"We're not changing the philosophy of the show," he said. "Viewers at home won't miss out on anything they'd expect."

Nor will military members assigned to other Kuwaiti camps miss out. Busloads of them are being brought to Arifjan for the live shows and SportsCenter personnel will be filming at many of the major Kuwaiti bases.

Live from Kuwait

Military viewers throughout the world will be able to watch both live and taped ESPN programming from Kuwait next week.

The highlight of the coverage will be five live broadcasts of their late-night SportsCenter news program, but there also will be at least two other live events and other recorded segments. These recorded segments will be broadcast on other SportsCenter newscasts throughout the day.

All live events will be broadcast on the American Forces Network's Sports channel.

Live broadcasts, which are shown in Kuwait and Eastern U.S. time, are:

■ Tuesday morning, Sept. 14, 9-10 a.m. (2 a.m. Eastern), SportsCenter from Camp Arifjan.

■ Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 15-18, 8-9 a.m. (1 a.m. Eastern), SportsCenter from Camp Arifjan.

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Military members said they're looking forward to SportsCenter's broadcasts.

"It should be pretty exciting," said 1st Infantry Division soldier Spc. Sergio Gasca of Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment.

SportsCenter's visit coincides with the redeployment of about 2,000 1st ID soldiers from Iraq to their Fort Riley, Kan., base.

"I didn't really expect it," said Gasca. "Coming from up there I really didn't expect anything, except just trying to get home."

In the meantime, SportsCenter is trying to bring a little bit of home to them.

"Our main goal is to bring a piece of America to these guys," Weiler said.

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Spangdahlem airmen deploy to terror fight

A-10 Thunderbolt II units will spend next 4 months supporting Afghanistan efforts

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — As Americans around the world were remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001, a dozen fighter planes and more than 100 airmen from Spangdahlem were headed to the region that spawned the terrorist attacks.

Members of the 81st Fighter Squadron, who fly A-10 Thunderbolt II jets — along with maintenance and support troops from four other squadrons — were deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, the campaign launched in Afghanistan shortly after terrorists flew commercial planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"These guys will be in the air just prior to when the first plane hit," said Col. David Goldfein, commander of Spangdahlem's 52nd Fighter Wing. "That gives us some perspective on why we're going."

By the end of September, about 1,000 Spangdahlem airmen — 20 percent of the base's active-duty troops — will head to 21 locations worldwide. They are part of a massive Air Force troop movement, known as an Aerospace Expeditionary Force.

In all, the Air Force taps about 20,000 airmen for each AEF cycle — three times as many as before the Sept. 11 attack.

The size of the AEF unit is slightly more than a typical Air Force division. However, unlike the Army, whose deployments basically shut down entire communities, the Air Force pieces together its rotational forces by taking airmen from bases around the world.

Sometimes entire squadrons deploy, but most of the 20,000 airmen join their expeditious units in small groups or even as solo travelers. They support ongoing conflicts such as OEF and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and myriad other missions around the globe.

And unlike the Army, which tends to deploy for six months or a year, each AEF cycle lasts four months for most airmen. Airmen in high-demand jobs such as air traffic controllers, pararescue troops and communications specialists get tapped more often and for longer periods of time.

For these cycles, known as AEF 1 and AEF 2, Spangdahlem and Ramstein Air Bases are the hardest hit in Europe. About 900 Ramstein airmen also are

part of the rotation, base spokesmen said.

Other U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases, including RAF Mildenhall and Lakenheath in England, and Aviano Air Base in Italy, are providing a "handful" of troops to AEF 1 and 2, base spokesmen said. But those bases will be heavily tapped in upcoming AEF cycles in 2005.

The deployment pace for airmen is so quick at Ramstein that the base has started a "pre-deployment" process to help speed up the paperwork and vaccinations troops have to complete before they leave, said Capt. Kathy Duke, commander of Ramstein's 435th Military Personnel Flight.

"There are so many people going, this makes it easier," Duke said last week, after processing about 50 airmen through the deployment line at Ramstein. "That way, we don't have 100 people visiting various offices on base right before they leave. They can get it all done here," she said.

Under the AEF system, airmen are supposed to have 20 months between rotations to regain, do exercises and be with their families. But the A-10's popularity as an adept gunship for close air support of ground forces means squadrons such as the 81st get called on more often.

One of about 15 A-10 squadrons in the service, the 81st only returned from Afghanistan last November. Now its members will be deployed through the holidays.

"We've been pretty heavily tasked," squadron commander Lt. Col. John Cherrey, 38, of Dumont, N.J., said Saturday. About 60 members of Spangdahlem's 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit are going with the 81st, said Lt. Col. Mark Fluker, commander of the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"This particular unit has an unbelievably high ops tempo," Fluker, 42, of Houston, Texas, said. "They're constantly on the go because people want the A-10." The frequent deployments can take its toll on families. Cherrey's wife, Lisa, said that

he's been deployed roughly two of the three years he has been in the squadron. She credits a close-knit relationship with other spouses — and two resilient children — for keeping the family strong.

"My husband loves his job and if he's happy, we're happy," Cherrey said.

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Above: From the terrace of Spangdahlem's fire department tower, Ashlyn Rust waves as her husband, Capt. Chris Rust, takes off Saturday in his A-10 Thunderbolt II, bound for an Operation Enduring Freedom mission. Left: Lt. Col. John Cherrey, commander of the 81st Fighter Squadron, loads his bag into a storage pod on his A-10 Thunderbolt II. A dozen squadron jets and about 140 maintenance troops deployed.

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Hasbro recalls Super Soaker rockets

Hasbro Inc. is recalling about 230,000 Super Soaker rockets because the water tank caps can unexpectedly thrust off, causing injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

There have been four reports of the cap being unexpectedly projected from the Super Soaker Monster Rocket, leading to three injuries, including a slight concussion and a cut that required stitches.

The product has been ordered pulled from the shelves at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores, according to AAFES spokesman Judd Anstey in Dallas.

Consumers should contact toll-free 866-487-4737 anytime or log onto www.supersoaker.com to receive a replacement product of equal value, Anstey said.

"All overseas stores will be asked to isolate, identify and destroy the product," Anstey said.

AAFES exchange stores when a product is recalled will typically put up display posters to notify customers, he said. Customers can also find specific information about the recall at the AAFES Web site at www.aafes.com.

Selling for about \$30, the toy has a 7-foot inflatable mylar rocket with a plastic and foam fin. The rocket has a blue and orange launch base, with the water pressure tank attached. The words "Monster Rocket" are printed on the body of the rocket.

From staff reports



RON JENSEN (Stars and Stripes)

Paul Button carries the torch Saturday at RAF Mildenhall, England, to open Joan Mann Sports Day. He is assisted by Senior Master Sgt. Allen Jackson of the Defense Courier Service, left, and Airman Mike O'Dell of the 100th Security Forces Squadron. More than 170 athletes with various physical and emotional disabilities have been invited to the base for a day of games since 1981.

Sports day brings smiles to Mildenhall community

Joan Mann Sports Day gives military personnel a chance to help handicapped athletes be happy

BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Jackie Leach looks forward each year to Joan Mann Sports Day. Her bedroom is decorated with photographs of her previous five visits to the annual event, held at the home of the 100th Air Refueling Wing.

Leach, 30, has cerebral palsy, a result of a lack of oxygen at birth. She has trouble doing many things, but her ability to smile and spread joy has not been affected.

"She looks forward to this better than any event, I can tell you," said Diane Leach, who accompanied her daughter to the base Saturday. "She likes anything with a little go in it."

Jackie Leach was one of about 170 athletes — young children up to senior citizens, who live each day of their lives with the burden of a physical or mental handicap — to attend this year's version of the event on Saturday.

The visitors tossed balls, ran races and climbed obstacles. And they passed out hugs and high-fives like they were being judged on quality and quantity.

"You see all these people smile, you can't not have fun," said Airman 1st Class Jay Gentry of the 100th Security Forces Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, one of more than 700 volunteers. "My mom used to work with the parents of disabled people. That's what she did before she passed away. This is my



Staff Sgt. Matt Sealy, left, and Petty Officer 2 Martin Brown, right, both of RAF Mildenhall, England, help Jackie Leach, 30, through an obstacle on Saturday.

way of carrying on the tradition." The event began in 1981 when Joan Mann, a British employee at the base, organized the event to further good relations between the base and surrounding community. It is organized by the Top 3 Fellowship at RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath.

Tech Sgt. Theresa Menard of the 48th Operations Support Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, is a co-chairperson of the event.

"This is their time," she said, referring to the athletes. "They look forward to it every year."

Many, she said, arrive looking for one special person, the escort

they had last year.

"We're having a blast today," said Airman 1st Class Dennis Hock of the 100th Security Forces Squadron at the base, referring to himself and Neil Draper, the athlete he escorted. "We're going to take the gold, ain't we? Yeah, buddy!"

The two shared a high-five before going off in search of another event.

Airman 1st Class Wayne Freeland of 100th Communications Squadron, who was volunteering for the second year, said the day gives military members a chance to get a different perspective on life.

Because of their conditions, he said, many of the visitors will never lose their child-like innocence.

"It's good to see things through their eyes — see the world with wonder again," he said.

For Diane Leach, the day was important enough for her daughter that she drove her here after finding out that Jackie's school could not attend this year.

She thought she might have to help her daughter, but Staff Sgt. Matt Sealy and Petty Officer 2 Martin Brown proved more than capable escorts.

"The lads are wonderful, absolutely wonderful," she said.

Referring to all the volunteers who give up a day off to give of their time, Diane Leach said, "I don't think they realize what it means to these English kids."

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New Navy office at Darby to supervise construction

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

CAMP DARBY, Italy — Welcome to the big time, Camp Darby.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for a new naval contingent doesn't signify a large increase in the base's active-duty population. The Navy won't be able to even field a basketball team to compete against the Army and Air Force on base — though beach volleyball is a possibility.

More important to Darby and others who rely on the equipment and munitions that the complex sends to forward locations, there's now a whole new set of possibilities on base.

That's because the Navy's Engineering Field Activity Mediterranean is responsible for supervising all large American military construction projects in Italy.

And the debut of the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction office — and its two-sailor contingent — means there's now a big project on the way at Darby.

"Opening this office is the first step in getting the projects started," said Lt. Andrew Sonier, who will be one of those assigned to Darby.

Actually, there's already been a decent amount of work done on several projects. Contracts have

been awarded on a 19 million euro maintenance operations facility for the Leghorn Army Depot and for about 4.5 million euros in a series of projects for the Air Force's 712th Munitions Squadron.

"It's going to have an enormous impact on our capabilities," said Army Lt. Col. Mitch Wilson, commander of the Combat Equipment Battalion-Livorno.

Wilson's work force, which includes hundreds of local national employees, has the chore of repairing and maintaining an array of Army vehicles and equipment. And it's been doing so using facilities constructed when the base was built in the early 1950s.

"Right now, we have antiquated equipment that does not support our needs," he said. In fact, the depot has to contract out some of its work. It has employees trained to handle the tasks, but no facilities to accomplish them.

At least some of that will change once the maintenance facility is completed. Construction could start around the first of the year. More projects may be on the horizon. A 22-million euro proposal to build seven new warehouses to store equipment and refurbish 10 others that are decades old needs funding, and Wilson thinks the prospects are "very likely."

Lt. Col. Stephen Williams, who heads the Air Force's munitions operations in Darby, has hopes for more projects as well. But he said he's happy to see four projects get the green light.

They include a new storage facility and washing operations for the containers the 712th uses to ship goods around the world, the completion of the base's munitions storage bunkers retrofitting and work on "probably the most decrepit munitions facilities I've ever seen," Williams said.

As for the Navy, Capt. Paul Bosco, who commands the engineering activity from his Naples headquarters, said it's always good to open up a new office. It'll be the 15th ROICC office of which he's in charge. Most are in the Mediterranean, but others are in Iceland and Bahrain.

"I've never stood up a new ROICC office," he said. "This is a big deal."

He said it didn't automatically signify that other large projects — or more troops — are headed to Darby. But it's a bigger possibility now than it was before.

"I'm sure we'll be here a few years," he said. "Maybe the better part of a decade. It's a good sign the Army and Air Force will start pumping some money into Livorno."

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CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers from the 587th Signal Company, 52nd Signal Battalion take some laps Friday during the 24-Hour Marathon and Music Fest at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

A good day for a run

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Food on the grill. Live music playing. Not a bad way to spend 24 hours.

"It gives them something to look forward to and at the same time gives them a break," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Pollard, commandant, U.S. European Command. "The [troops] on the track are supporting each other; they run by and people are cheering."

The 15th annual Stuttgart 24-Hour Marathon and Music Fest that started Friday also included spouses and civilians. A

field of 600 or more runners and walkers were scheduled to compete, with team members taking turns to stay on the track at Patch Barracks for a full 24 hours.

Last year's event raised nearly \$15,000 for local youth charities, said fest treasurer Petty Officer 1st Class Carol Custer of Winchester, Va., and the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Competitors raised money by buying a T-shirt for the event. The winner of the T-shirt design contest was Cait Gamble, an eighth-grader at Patch High School. Her design had a clock with running shoes as its hands and the silhouette of a girl running.

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A welcome home celebration

Stars and Stripes

The first of four welcome home celebrations for 1st Armored Division units got solid reviews in Baumholder, Germany.

"This is not what I expected," said Alan Sims, 17, as he waited in line for a midway ride with friends, including Kaisha Elliott, 16. "I thought it'd be lame, but this is OK!" Sims said, with Elliott nodding her head in agreement.

Spread out among parking lots for the H.D. Smith Barracks cinema/theater, Hall of Champions gymnasium and meandering down to the edge of Mimnick Stadium, the center of the festivities includ-

ed a midway of amusement rides for older children and adults, and a midway of rides for small children.

The large crowd was nearly split between young single soldiers and soldiers with families. People crowded a temporary fest tent where a number of acts played including Custom Made, a funk/rap band from Los Angeles, and comedian Chris Titus, with standing-room only for the headliners, Puddle of Mudd, alternative rockers from California.

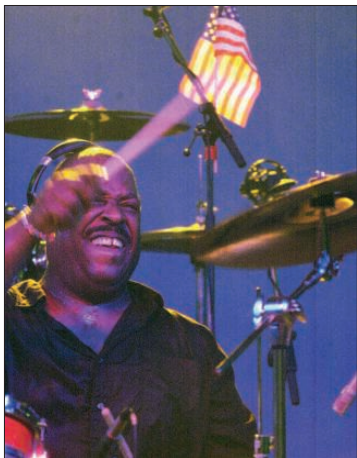
The next 1st AD welcome home is scheduled for 1st Brigade headquarters at Friedberg on Wednesday, 4th Brigade headquarters at Hanau on Friday, with the final celebration Oct. 7 at division headquarters in Wiesbaden.



Left: Alex Hudnell, 4, enjoyed the colorful train ride on the children's midway.
Below: It was a bumpy ride Friday at the bumper car track, but James Hunter, 8, was happy to have dad Staff Sgt. Virgil Hunter back at the wheel.

Right: With the Stars and Stripes backlit behind him, Custom Made's Jerome Snelling pounded out the beat for a rap number.

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Eight soldiers geared up for Berlin marathon

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Some people like to see Europe's destination cities from those big tour buses offering commentary in a dozen languages. Others prefer a leisurely walk.

Eight 1st Armored Division soldiers from Baumholder plan to see precisely 26.2 miles of Berlin on foot, on the run. Capt. Bradley Graham is taking the group to compete in "The real Berlin Marathon" on Sept. 26.

At mid-week, marathon organizers cut off entries at 35,000. According to press reports, only three men have a chance of winning — world-class marathoners Felix Limo, Paul Tergat and Titus Munji, all from Kenya.

The Baumholder group is going for the fun of it and the sense of accomplishment, not to mention seeing "the postcard sites along the way" from the race's start and finish point, the Brandenburg Gate, Graham said.

"Our goal is to finish without

anyone hurting themselves," Graham said.

Graham, who was a rear-detachment assistant commander at the time for the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, got the trip started in late June as a motivator for his men. "I said, 'Let's do something, guys.' Then a 40th Engineers guy heard about it said, 'Hey, can I come?'"

The 2-6 runners are: Graham, 2nd Lt. Adam MacAllister, Sgt. Adam Williams, Sgt. Gerry Rojas, Spc. Steve Rojas, Pfc. Joseph Walker and Pfc. Brent Brzuchalski. Also running is 2nd Lt. Dan Downs, with the 40th Engineers (Combat) Battalion.

Since late June, the eight runners have put in a combined total of more than 1,900 miles, with each soldier or officer running an average of about 20 miles per week including regular PT, trying to get into marathon shape. The group also runs each Saturday morning, opting for the flat streets near Graham's home in nearby Landstuhl rather than around hilly H.D. Smith Barracks in Baumholder.

The soldiers and officers are adjusting distances during their 45 days of training, peaking out at 18 miles on Aug. 28, tapering back to 12 miles this weekend, then fewer in the final weeks before the race so as not to burn out, said Graham and MacAllister.

None of the Baumholder group has run a marathon. However, Graham and MacAllister said Sgt. Gerry Rojas has done an Army 10-Kilometer run. Pfc. Joseph Walker also ran an 8-mile preliminary to the New York City Marathon on Sept. 25, 2002.

The group will set a "conversational" pace, Graham said, though MacAllister added, "my goal is to run [the marathon] under 3:10."

"Good luck with that one, bud," Graham replied.

Just for the record, Paul Tergat holds the world's record marathon time of 2:04:55, a record that Graham and company say is not likely to come back to Baumholder.

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They'll see Berlin on foot, or at least 26.2 miles of it as a group of eight Baumholder soldiers plans to run the Berlin Marathon. From left are Sgt. Adam Williams, Capt. Matthew Graham, 2nd Lt. Adam MacAllister, Pfc. Joseph Walker and Pfc. Brent Brzuchalski. Not pictured are Cpl. Steve Rojas, Sgt. Gerry Rojas and 2nd Lt. Dan Downs.



Left: 32nd Signal Battalion commander Lt. Col. William Schumaker, left, and a formation of soldiers salute during a wreath-laying ceremony in Darmstadt, Germany, marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. Right: Schumaker, right, and Herr Hans-Jürgen Stein, chief of the Darmstadt Fire Department, carry a wreath. Sept. 11 also is a significant part of Darmstadt's history, marking the 60th anniversary of the Allied bombing of the city in World War II.

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EUCOM remembers Sept. 11

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Left: Chaplain (Maj.) Jerry Sather, chaplain for the 100th Air Refueling Wing at RAF Mildenhall, England, delivers a prayer Saturday at the dedication of September 11th Remembrance Park at the base. Master Sgt. Lance Davis, right, bows his head. Right: The park's two evergreen trees represent the World Trade Center's towers, a five-sided brick layout represents the attack on the Pentagon and the site is highlighted by mountain laurel, the state flower of Pennsylvania, where a third airplane crashed.

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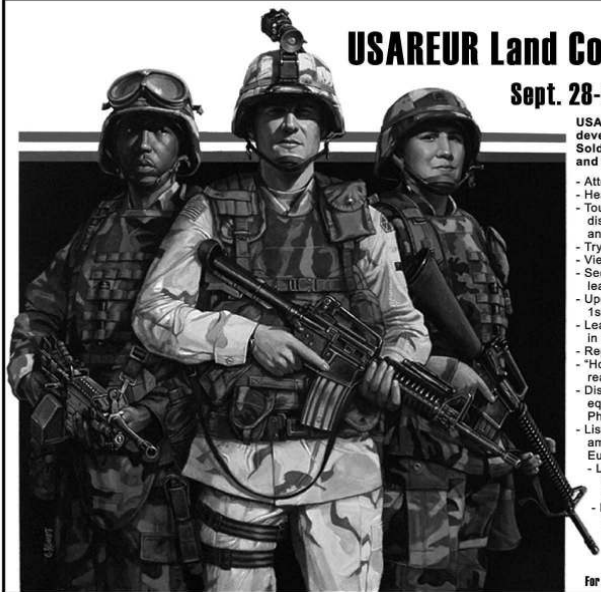


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Left: Visitors in Shanksville, Pa., hold a giant flag Saturday in memory of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, on United Flight 93. Above: Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani embraces an unidentified mourner at the site of the World Trade Center on Saturday.

Americans gather to honor 9/11 victims

BY SARA KUGLER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With quavering voices, parents and grandparents of those killed at the World Trade Center slowly read the names of the victims early Saturday to mark the third anniversary of the attacks that brought down the twin towers.

Moments of silence were observed at 8:46 and 9:03 a.m., the times two planes slammed into the trade center towers on Sept. 11, 2001, and at 9:59 and 10:29, when the two towers collapsed.

Many of the family members cried quietly and embraced each other.

At Arlington National Cemetery, there was a moment of silence at 9:37, the time that another hijacked plane hit the Pentagon, where 184 people died. In Pennsylvania, more than 1,500 people gathered in the field where the fourth plane went down, killing the 40 passengers and crew aboard Flight 93.

President Bush and the first lady also observed a moment of silence on the White House's South Lawn as the nation began a day of remembrance.

At the trade center site in lower Manhattan, parents and grandparents stood in pairs at two podiums, reading the list of the 2,749 people killed there — a recitation that lasted more than three hours.

They read slowly and precisely, and added poignant dedications when they reached the names of their own loved ones. "And our loving son, Paul Robert Eckna, our tower of strength — we love and miss you," said Carol Eckna.

Those abroad mourn attacks, criticize U.S. terror response

BY PAUL GARWOOD
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Victims of the Sept. 11 attacks were mourned worldwide Saturday, but in the Middle East, and sympathy for the dead, Arabs said Washington's support for Israel and the war on terror launched in the aftermath of the World Trade Center's collapse have only fueled anger and violence.

From Egypt to Yemen, Arabs said the world had become less safe during the three years since 19 militants from the Middle East hijacked four passenger planes in the

United States and used them to kill more than 3,000 people.

The Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and other bombings since have fueled widespread soul-searching among Arabs over the connection between Islamic extremism and terrorism.

But that has not shaken a long-held belief that U.S. policies in the region — including Washington's support for Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians — are also to blame for fomenting the kind of anti-American hatred that could drive people to launch an attack of the magnitude of Sept. 11, 2001.

For some, the anniversary underlined the

need to press on in military action. U.S. troops in Iraq held small ceremonies to coincide with the moment the first jetliner slammed into the World Trade Center.

Russia pointed to the recent hostage-taking at a southern school, which was blamed on supporters of Chechen separatists and which ended with some 330 hostages dead.

Spain's press linked the anniversary with the six month commemoration of the Madrid bombings, which killed 191 people.

Leading daily El Pais said the world has not become safer since Sept. 11, with Casablanca, Istanbul and Jakarta being added to the list of cities affected by Islamic terrorism.

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As the reading of names began, other family members of victims descended the ramp into the pit of the trade center site and laid flowers in two small reflecting pools meant to evoke the footprints of the twin trade center towers. Others scrawled messages on the edges of the pools.

The area, seven stories below street level, is considered sacred ground by many. It was there that rescue workers combed the debris with rakes, painstakingly searching for the tiniest fragments of human remains.

Last year, children recited the names of the dead, and on the first anniversary, it was dignitaries, community leaders and some relatives of victims. Pat Hawley, 44, was among the family members at the site Saturday morning. Hawley, of Charlotte, N.C., said he comes to the Ground Zero ceremony

every year to remember his older sister, Karen Sue Juday.

"It seems like it gets harder every year, because it's that much more time since I've been able to talk to my sister and be with her," he said.

At Arlington National Cemetery, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld joined relatives of those killed in the Pentagon near a large granite memorial marker that bears the names of each victim.

In a field in western Pennsylvania where Flight 93 went down, volunteers rang two large bells as the names of each of the plane's 40 passengers and crew were read.

Both President Bush and Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry spoke on the anniversary of the attacks (see related story on Page 16). Bush used the occasion to warn of continued danger and pledge victory in the war on terror.

"We will not relent until the terrorists who plot murder against our people are found and dealt with," Bush said in a radio address.

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Clinton goes home to recover after surgery

BY JIM FITZGERALD
The Associated Press

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. — A week after he checked himself into a hospital with chest pains, former President Bill Clinton returned home to begin his recuperation from heart bypass surgery.

Clinton was in good spirits and immediately began taking short walks after he arrived at his home in the New York suburb of

Chappaqua, according to his spokesman, Jim Kennedy.

He was discharged Friday afternoon, then traveled in a motorcade of four SUVs and a police motorbike escort to his home later that evening.

"We appreciate more than words can say all the good wishes and messages of concern that we received during this difficult time in our lives," Clinton, his wife,

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, and their daughter Chelsea said Friday in a statement relayed through the family's spokesman.

"We feel blessed to have such support, and it will continue to sustain us throughout the months of recuperation that remain ahead," they said.

The family also thanked doctors and nurses at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia,

where the former president underwent surgery Monday.

The 58-year-old Democrat was taken off his respirator and placed in an intensive care unit Monday. On Wednesday, he was moved back to his hospital room, where he walked with assistance, sat in his bed and sat up in his chair.

Clinton had planned to campaign for John Kerry, the Demo-

cratic nominee for president, but the recovery from surgery will take him off the stump for now, with just eight weeks left until the election.

It was not immediately clear how soon he could return to the campaign trail. Neighbors welcomed Clinton back to his home about 40 miles north of Manhattan. "I'm glad he came through," said Osman Osmani, who lives on the same quiet, tree-lined cul de sac as the Clintons.

Clinton went to the hospital late last week after complaining of prolonged chest pain and shortness of breath, but doctors revealed Monday that he'd had these symptoms for several months. They said he had blamed them on lapses in his exercise routine and acid reflux.

Doctors performed the four-hour quadruple bypass operation and found that Clinton's heart disease was extensive, with blockages in some arteries well over 90 percent.



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TSA to pay for bags

WASHINGTON — The Transportation Security Administration said Friday that it will pay an average of \$110 each to 15,000 airline passengers who claim their possessions were lost, stolen or damaged when their bags were screened for bombs and weapons.

The TSA began inspecting all checked bags at the end of 2002, a security measure ordered by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The requirement created a new chain of custody for checked bags that goes from the airline to the TSA back to the airline.

Explosives screening

WASHINGTON — The airport nearest the nation's capital is now the first to test boarding passes for traces of explosives.

The Transportation Security Administration began the pilot project this week at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

A TSA spokesman said Thursday that passengers selected for a secondary screening will have their boarding passes tested while undergoing other checks. Security agents use a 1-by-1-foot box with a swatch of fabric that picks up microscopic samples.

"There is really no further delay for them as long as it is a negative match," said TSA spokesman Darrin Kayser. The explosives scanner takes seconds to register a reading.

From The Associated Press

Officer left Guard 18 months before Bush memos written

BY PETE SLOVER

The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN, Texas — The man named in a disputed memo as exerting pressure to "sugar coat" President Bush's military record left the Texas Air National Guard a year and a half before the memo was supposedly written, his own service record shows.

An outlet obtained by The Dallas Morning News shows that Col. Walter "Buck" Staudt was honorably discharged on March 1, 1972.

CBS News reported this week that a memo in which Staudt was described as interfering with officers' negative evaluations of Bush's service, was dated Aug. 18, 1973.

That added to mounting questions about the authenticity of documents that seem to suggest Bush sought special favors and did not follow his service.

Staudt, who lives in New Braunfels, Texas, did not return calls seeking comment. His discharge paper was among a packet of documents obtained by The Dallas Morning News from official sources in 1999 research into Bush's Guard record.

The authenticity of the memo and three others included in Wednesday's "60 Minutes" report came in for heavy criticism Friday.

And the family of the officer

Bush group raises \$7M

WASHINGTON — A group running ads accusing John Kerry of exaggerating his decorated Vietnam War service record is nearing \$7 million in contributions, thanks in part to several Republican donors in Texas.

The Swift Boat Veterans for Truth has raised at least \$6.7 million since it was founded in April. That includes at least \$1.9 million in donations of \$1,000 or more, with several coming in from people who previously gave to President Bush's re-election campaign and the GOP, according to a report the group filed Friday with the Federal Election Commission.

The big donations include \$500,000 from T. Boone Pickens, a Dallas business executive; \$200,000 from Houston home-builder Bob Perry, the group's first six-figure donor; and \$10,000 each from Charles and Sam Wynn, Dallas brothers who financed \$2.5 million in ads in the 2000 GOP presidential primary race promoting Bush and criticizing his then-opponent, Arizona Sen. John McCain.

The veterans' group has spent a relatively small amount buying advertising time on national networks, including \$216,379 on CNN, \$198,818 on Fox News Channel and \$73,266 on MSNBC. But the cable news networks have all given plenty of free airtime to the group and its commercials.

From The Associated Press

Dan Rather defends authenticity

The Washington Post

Dan Rather vigorously defended his "60 Minutes" story on President Bush's National Guard service Friday, saying the 30-year-old memos he disclosed on the show this week "were and remain authentic" despite questions raised by some handwriting and document experts.

"Until someone shows me definitive proof that they are not, I don't see any reason to carry on a conversation with the professional rumor mill," the CBS anchor said.

who supposedly wrote them, Lt. Col. Jerry Kilian, who died in 1984, said it wasn't his nature to keep detailed personal notes.

But a CBS staffer with extensive knowledge of the story said later that the departure doesn't derail the story.

"From what we've learned,

chor said. "My colleagues and I at '60 Minutes' made great efforts to authenticate these documents and to corroborate the story as best we could. ... I think the public is smart enough to see from whom some of this criticism is coming and draw judgments about what the motivations are."

The memos, written by Bush's squadron command, Lt. Col. Jerry Kilian, indicate Bush got special treatment as a pilot in the Texas National Guard and failed to carry out a superior's order to undergo a physical exam.

Staudt remained very active after he retired," the staffer said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"He was a very bullying type, and that could have continued."

Staudt was the person Bush initially contacted about Guard service.

Kerry recalls countless acts of bravery on 9/11

BY NEDRA PICKLER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Recalling the pain of the 2001 terrorist attacks and the "countless acts of bravery and kindness" that followed, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said Saturday that Americans will tell their children and grandchildren that their love of country "far outweighs the darkness of those who hate."

"We learned in the hardest way possible that the American spirit endures. It is that spirit which leads us to defy those who would harm us, and affirm that freedom will win," Kerry said in remarks prepared for a Sept. 11 memorial service attended by victims' families.

"It is that spirit which sustains all of you as you continue to rebuild your lives. And it is that spirit which will guide us all as we rebuild those towers stronger, higher, and more beautiful than ever before. Just like America," he said.

Kerry was speaking to the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund on the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that killed 3,000 people. He has addressed families of victims on each of the previous anniversaries. Two of the four planes

hijacked to attack buildings in New York City and Washington originated at Boston's Logan Airport.



Kerry

"For each of you here, time stopped in a way that has made memories of that day three years ago forever fresh, forever painful. I know this because some of you were part of my life before that day, and many of you have become part of it since," he said. "On that day, we all drew strength from each other."

Kerry said the attacks had tested the courage and faith of those who lost loved ones, and he commended them for finding hope, comfort and strength through "the love of those around you and the quiet grace of God."

He said all Americans will share the lessons of Sept. 11 with their children and grandchildren. "We will tell them that on Sept. 11, ordinary men and women became heroes at a moment's notice, and so can you," he said.



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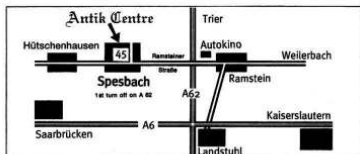
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Omar suggested Clinton's ouster

Taliban leader's message came after 1998 missile strikes on Afghanistan

BY DAN EGGEN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two days after U.S. missiles struck Afghanistan in retaliation for al-Qaida's 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa, the head of that country's Taliban regime told a State Department official that Congress should force then-President Bill Clinton to resign "to rebuild U.S. popularity in the Islamic world," according to documents released Friday.

The suggestion is contained in a newly declassified State Department cable recounting the first and only direct communication between the U.S. government and Mullah Mohammad Omar, the reclusive Taliban leader who was reaching out in the wake of the U.S. strikes on alleged al-Qaida facilities in his country and Sudan.

In the Aug. 22, 1998, telephone

conversation with U.S. diplomat Michael Mahonowski, Omar "parroted" many of the hard-line views of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, who had been given sanctuary in Afghanistan by the Taliban. He said he "was aware of no evidence that bin Laden had engaged in or planned terrorist acts while on Afghan soil" and warned that the missile strikes "could spark more, not less, terrorist attacks," according to the cable.

"He said that in order to rebuild U.S. popularity in the Islamic world and because of his current domestic political difficulties Congress should force President Clinton to resign," according to the cable.

Clinton was then the target of an investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr in connection with the Monica Lewinsky affair and would soon face impeachment in the House.



Miller Ethridge, of Key Largo, Fla., boards up his trailer, Thursday. Tourists and residents throughout the Florida Keys have been sent packing to avoid the wrath of Hurricane Ivan.

Keys empty out for Ivan

BY HILARY ROXE

The Associated Press

KEY WEST, Fla. — While a slight westward "wobble" by Hurricane Ivan gave storm-weary Florida a tiny glimmer of hope Saturday, the still-threatened Keys stood mostly boarded up, deserted by evacuating residents and tourists well on their way to safety.

Hurricane Ivan and its 145 mph winds were still a couple of days away Saturday, but many residents and tourists had already driven north to the mainland. Before leaving, fatigued residents put up shutters and boarded windows with plywood as business dropped to a trickle in the tourism-dependent island chain.

"Charley hit and the season died," said Jose Moya, a clerk at Millie's Sundries in Key West. "It's going to be a ghost town for the rest of summer — if we make it."

Monroe County officials ordered an evacuation of the entire 100-mile Keys, which barely rise out of the water and are extremely vulnerable to storm surge. Its third evacuation in a month for tourists and first in three years for the chain's 79,000 residents.

Some residents said Saturday they had decided to brave the storm, wary of a change of direction that could bring them into the hurricane's path.

Ivan lashed Jamaica with monstrous waves, driving rain and winds nearing 155 mph Saturday, killing at least two people.

It was forecast to strike Cuba and then either hit the Keys directly or pass near enough for the islands to feel hurricane force winds, said Richard Knabb, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

From there, Ivan is expected to move north in the Gulf of Mexico, reaching north Florida on Tuesday.

Ridge reviews strategies for school hostage situation

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER
SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Federal law enforcers are taking a new look at hostage-taking responses to make sure the United States is prepared for an attack like the recent terrorist takeover of a Russian school.

"The president said to all of us: Just make sure you know what you are going to do, who is going

to be doing it, where we are going to be doing it, what resources we are going to apply," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said in an interview Thursday.

In recent morning briefings, Ridge said President Bush had asked his top advisers — including homeland security, FBI and justice officials — to review their strategies for dealing with hostage situations.

Ridge said the U.S. government was still trying to find out key de-

tails of how last week's attack in Russia was planned and carried out.

At the same time, Ridge was somewhat critical of the Russians, saying it appeared that authorities there may have had a disjointed response to the hostage crisis blamed on Chechen rebels. More than 300 people died.

"Preliminary reports suggest there wasn't the kind of coordination and leadership being in-

charge," Ridge told The Associated Press.

Later, Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said the FBI and other agencies "are constantly training and refining their techniques based on current threats. They always have and they always will."

As the three-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks passes, recent attention has focused on a pre-election threat.

However, echoing a remark

made at an April speech in Nevada, Ridge extended the amount of time the United States should be extra vigilant against a possible al-Qaida attack designed to disrupt the democratic process — from the Nov. 2 Election Day to the presidential inauguration scheduled for Jan. 20.

Ridge also acknowledged that U.S. authorities have "a couple different sources" believed to be sharing credible information about the threat.



AP

A security officer directs people leaving City Hall during an evacuation drill in Los Angeles on Thursday. The unprecedented exercise involved the simultaneous evacuation of people from City Hall, police headquarters and several other Civic Center buildings.

Los Angeles drills for full-scale evacuation

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Los Angeles held its largest-ever disaster drill, evacuating about 10,000 people from downtown buildings.

Workers were ushered out of City Hall, police department headquarters and other government buildings Thursday to designated safe areas.

As many as 20,000 people had been expected to take part in the drill but many employees stayed home, authorities said. Workers had been notified of the drill far in advance and some brought bag lunches, lawn chairs and even portable video game consoles.

Evacuations were completed in eight to 16 minutes, assistant fire

chief Greg Gibson said. The buildings included the federal building and some high-rises, he said.

Dave Margolis, a contractor who was among those evacuated, called the drill inconvenient but necessary: "If you don't do this, you won't be prepared when something really happens," he said.

"I think that now that we've done it once, everybody who knew where to go," said another worker, Holly Beckner.

Mayor James Hahn and Fire Chief William Bammatre this week proposed changing the fire code to require a full evacuation every three years of the 22 commercial structures in the city that are 35 stories or taller. The current code requires annual drills on individual floors, but not such full-scale evacuations.

Explosion levels Conn. church

The Associated Press

COLCHESTER, Connecticut — A powerful blast leveled a decades-old Ukrainian church early Friday, shaking nearby buildings and tossing shards of glass and wood debris hundreds of feet.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the explosion at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church was not immediately clear. The brick building had an indoor propane tank for cooking, state police Sgt. J. Paul Vance said.

The explosion, just before 7 a.m., could be felt for miles. Only some of the church's A-frame structure remained. Pieces of wood and glass shards were strewn about the area. A small statue of the Virgin Mary remained intact at the edge of the rubble. "I'm ready to cry," said Maksym Kocur, a 70-year-old church volunteer who has been with St. Mary's since 1960. The area was cordoned off and a nearby highway was shut down, Vance said.

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Residents from an apartment building for the elderly and disabled meet in Paintsville, Ky., to discuss the need for a walkway into the city's shopping district. From left are Kathy Yauk, Cathy Bohannon, Tom Reed and Garnet Hensley. Hundreds of scooters and motorized wheelchairs plod along busy streets. Motorists complain about the slowing traffic, and the gray-haired riders fuss about the dangers of sharing the pavement with much larger cars and trucks.



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Seniors mobilize for right of way on their scooters

Government-subsidized 'buggies' tie up Kentucky town's roadways

BY ROGER ALFORD

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE, Ky. — Stricken for years with debilitating arthritis, Connie Haller had given up on taking leisurely strolls along the streets of this mountain town.

But when the 78-year-old learned that the government would buy her a motorized scooter, she gladly accepted, and so did her elderly friends, and their friends, and their friends.

Now, this town of 4,000 in the heart of Kentucky's coalfields — a region with historically high numbers of disabled residents — is seemingly over-run.

Scores of scooters and motorized wheelchairs plod along busy streets to the Wal-Mart, restaurants and beauty salons. Motorists complain that they snarl traffic, and the gray-haired riders fuss about the dangers of sharing the pavement with much larger cars and trucks.

"Something has to be done," said Mayor Doug Pugh, who believes the government helped create the problem and it should help pay for the sidewalks that would solve it.

Elderly and disabled residents have been circulating a petition to get a quarter-mile walkway built from the town's residential area to the shopping district so that they don't have to ride on the shoulder of Kentucky 321, a busy thoroughfare lined with shops and restaurants.

"It would be a lot safer," Pugh said. "These aren't like little motorcycles — they shouldn't have to be on the roads."

Paintsville's plight reflects a government-subsidized explosion of the scooters, which cost \$5,000 or more depending on accessories.

Last year, Medicare, the federal health care program for 40 million older and disabled people, ordered more scrutiny of claims for scooters and power wheelchairs. Those claims have increased from 62,000 in 1999 to 168,000 in 2003. Medicare payments for the devices rose from \$22.3 million in 1995 to \$66.6 million in 2003.

People who receive the devices generally are so severely disabled that they need them even to get around inside their homes, said Dan Gibbons, spokesman for the Texas-based SCOOTER

Store, a major supplier of power scooters and wheelchairs.

"We get letters all the time from people who tell us that they've been to the mailbox for the first time in years, that they're able to go back to church," he said. "They're able to turn the clock back several years."

Gibbons said the devices typically move at the same speed the average person walks, 3 to 4 mph. He said that makes them appropriate for calm residential streets, but not for busy roads and highways.

Paintsville officials aren't sure exactly how many people in the town have the scooters. But Haller said she knows of at least 50 in her apartment building alone.

"It's been a lifesaver for me, and for many others," she said.

"We ride our buggies everywhere."

Paintsville faces its scooter problem because the town's network of sidewalks weren't built with motorized scooters in mind, and some of the roads most heavily traveled by scooters don't have sidewalks. That means the elderly and disabled have to ride either on the pavement or along the gravel shoulders of the roadway.

"You look up and see big trucks passing," Haller said. "I feel like they get pretty close to us. You've got to keep your eyes on the road and on the people, especially at intersections. If they don't offer to wave you across, you'd better sit still and wait your turn."

So far, 47-year-old Vickie Whittaker has been the only scooter rider hurt in traffic. Already disabled by degenerative discs in her spine, Whittaker suffered minor injuries after being bumped by a car earlier this summer.

She said if elected officials don't move quickly to build the walkway, they could find themselves opposed by a dedicated bloc of voters who will gladly ride the scooters to the polls.

"Obviously, they don't care if we get where we're going or if we get killed going there," she said.

Police Chief Larry Vanhose said mixing the scooters with cars and trucks is a recipe for disaster.

"It's not safe," Vanhose said. "These things weren't designed to be on the highway or on the side of the highway."

"These aren't like little motorcycles — they shouldn't have to be on the roads."

Doug Pugh
Mayor of Paintsville, Ky.

IN THE WORLD



A fallen tree covers a vehicle Saturday after Hurricane Ivan passed through Kingston, Jamaica. Ivan lashed Jamaica with winds nearing 155 mph early Saturday, though the island was spared a direct hit.

Hurricane drifts off course, but still pummels Jamaica

The Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Hurricane Ivan lashed Jamaica with monstrous waves, driving rain and winds nearing 155 mph Saturday, killing at least five people as it washed away homes and tore roofs off houses and trees from the ground but unexpectedly spared the island from a direct hit.

In the storm's wake, authorities in hard-hit Grenada found another eight bodies, raising the toll on the island to 24 dead and the toll across the Caribbean to 50.

In the Jamaica capital, Kingston, sporadic looting and gunfire erupted overnight and continued Saturday morning. Associated Press reporters said looters carrying boxes of groceries from a smashed storefront.

Hurricane Ivan strengthened to 165 mph Saturday afternoon, as it left Jamaica and aimed for the Cayman Islands, a rare Category 5 storm capable of catastrophic damage, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami reported.

Millions more people are in its path, projected to go between the Cayman Islands, then make a direct hit on Cuba before moving into the Gulf of Mexico or southern Florida.

The Hurricane Center said it received the information from a U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane. If Ivan hits land in the Caribbean, it would be the first Category 5 storm to do so since Hurricane

David devastated the Dominican Republic in 1979, said Rafael Mojica, a meteorologist at the Hurricane Center. Hurricane Mitch was a Category 5 storm in the Caribbean Sea in 1998, but it hit Central America.

A 10-year-old girl drowned in Old Harbor, just east of Kingston, and a woman was killed in the capital by a tree that struck her home, said Ronald Jackson of Jamaica's disaster relief agency.

Police said three other people — a man, a woman and a baby — drowned in Clarendon parish, just west of Kingston, according to reports from residents.

Jamaica, an island of 2.6 million known for its tourism, reggae and Blue Mountain coffee, was saved the full brunt of Ivan's fury by an unexpected wobble and lurch to the west overnight.

The Jamaican government posted a hurricane watch to a warning for residents to prepare "as for direct impact."

Cuba on Saturday upgraded a hurricane warning and urged residents to the threatened western part of the island.

Further north, the Florida Keys were mostly boarded up, deserted by evacuating residents and tourists told days ago to brace for Ivan, which came hard on the heels of Charley and Frances.

Besides the dead in Grenada and Jamaica, Ivan killed five people in Venezuela, one in Tobago, one in Barbados, and four youngsters in the Dominican Republic.

European powers agree to press Iran on nukes

France, Germany, England seek to impose deadline

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Europe's major powers have agreed to set a November deadline on Iran to meet demands to resolve concerns that it is secretly trying to make nuclear weapons, in a confidential document made available Saturday to The Associated Press.

The draft resolution was prepared by France, Germany and Britain for Monday's start of a key meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

The draft contains a so-called "trigger mechanism," warning of possible "further steps" — which diplomats defined as shorthand for referral of Iran's case to the U.N. Security Council.

The draft is likely to undergo changes before the three nations submit it at the board meeting of the IAEA. And it still has to be approved by two thirds of the 35 board members.

But it is significant because it puts the three European countries the closest they have formally been to the United States on what to do about Iran and activities that Washington insists show Tehran is trying to build the nuclear bomb.

Up to now, the European countries have resisted U.S. attempts to have Iran hauled before the Security Council or even hint on a date for such possible action.

Iran says its nuclear program is solely for energy production.

The draft says Iran must suspend all activities related to nuclear enrichment — including manufacturing of centrifuges — and must meet all requirements posed by the IAEA in its probe into Iran's nuclear

clear activities before IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei reports to the board again in November.

On the basis of ElBaradei's report, the board "probably" will make a "definite determination on whether or not further steps are required," the draft said.

"This is a 'trigger' that can be pulled if the November board deems it necessary," said one diplomat.

While the last board meeting in June censured Iran for past cover-ups and warned it has little time left to disprove it has a nuclear weapons program, it didn't impose a deadline or even indirectly threaten sanctions.

But since then, Iran's earlier commitments to stop some uranium enrichment and related activities have eroded — alienating the three European nations.

Enriched uranium can be used to generate electricity or make nuclear weapons. Iran last year agreed to freeze enrichment programs but has since resumed testing, assembling and making centrifuges, a key component of such activities. Last week, it confirmed an IAEA report that it planned to convert more than 40 tons of raw uranium into uranium hexafluoride, the gas put into centrifuges for enrichment.

Iran's original suspension pledge came in a deal with Britain, Germany and France but fell short of European demands that Tehran scrap enrichment.

Iran is not obligated to halt enrichment under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but Tehran has been under international pressure for more than a year to fully renounce enrichment to counterbalance suspicions generated by nearly two decades of clandestine nuclear activities that came to light only two years ago.

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'Spider-Man' seeks visitation rights

LONDON — A divorced father demanding access to his daughter scaled the London Eye Ferris wheel on Saturday dressed as Spider-Man.

A spokesman for British Airways, which co-owns the attraction, said the man climbed the 450-foot wheel beside the River Thames just before 4 a.m. At the top, he unfurled a banner reading "In the name of the father."

The protest group Fathers 4 Justice, which has staged similar demonstrations in the past, identified the man as David Chick, 37.

Last November, Chick spent five days atop a 120-foot crane beside London's Tower Bridge, again dressed as Spider-Man.

Fathers 4 Justice said Chick was angry because he had not seen his daughter in a year. In a statement, Chick apologized to those inconvenienced by his protest, but said: "The British justice system has completely failed my child and I."

From The Associated Press

Putin OKs school siege inquiry

By STEVE GUTTMAN
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin agreed Friday to a parliamentary investigation of the bloody school hostage siege in southern Russia, less than a week after he reportedly dismissed the idea by saying it might turn into "a political show."

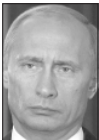
The move by Putin seeks to deflect criticism after he had earlier ruled out a public probe of the standoff in Beslan, which Russia's foreign minister said Friday was directed "by Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev. The siege also has raised serious questions about security in Russia."

Russian officials also have repeatedly have cast the military campaign in Chechnya as part of a war against international terrorism.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Friday that it was too soon to say whether al-Qaida played any role in the school attack, but he said there was an "absolutely" a connection between rebels in Chechnya and the terror network.

"I mean, they've been trained in the same training camps in Afghanistan," he said at the National Press Club in Washington.

"So there's no question but that there's a linkage between the



Putin

Chaos reigned during hostage standoff

By BURT HERMAN
The Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — Russian soldiers fled as shooting broke out in the spasm of violence that ended the school siege here, and unprepared special forces were forced to borrow bullets from armed locals who had rushed to the scene.

As Beslan buried more victims Friday, a week after the bloodbath at School No. 1, questions lingered over how authorities handled the three-day standoff that left at least 330 hostages dead.

"One of the most painful questions that that whole world is asking — why all the events surrounding the Beslan school No. 1 looked so out of control — probably has an answer: Because nobody was in charge of the operation," the Russian daily Rossiyskiy Kuryer said in an editorial Friday.

Officials aroused suspicion from the start by insisting the hostages numbered about 350, when in fact they were more than 1,200. Residents rushed to the scene, fearing authorities planned to storm the building and didn't want the public to know so many lives hung in the balance.

"From the start, [authorities] weren't doing things right," said Artur Belikov, 35, attending a wake for two relatives killed, Alina Budayeva, 38, and her 3-year-old daughter Valeria.

But Katya Tsiskayeva, 69, also at a wake at

Beslan's cemetery, argued that troops should have immediately stormed the building.

"Why did they wait a second day, a third day — to let so many die?" she asked.

A Beslan resident who gave only his first name, Robert, said he arrived soon after the siege started and stood guard throughout.

He would not say where he got his gun; private citizens aren't normally allowed to keep weapons in Russia. However, many people in the Caucasus, where myriad conflicts have erupted since the 1991 Soviet collapse, are believed to have arms at home.

The standoff ended Sept. 3, when an explosion inside the school sent children fleeing and their captors began shooting them in the back — prompting the forces gathered outside to return fire.

He said conscript soldiers fled as the fighting began.

"They weren't worried about their own lives," said Robert, 31, who had several relatives inside.

Locals handed their clips of ammunition to elite troops who didn't have enough bullets, Robert said.

"They weren't ready." Lamenting the corruption and lapses in duty that allowed the attackers to bring their arsenal to the school, residents are demanding a full explanation of the circumstances that made the attack possible as well as how it all ended.

Cheney terrorists and al-Qaida. But I can't say that about this event because the investigation's just in its early stages."

In a meeting shown prominently on state-run television, the lawmaker who heads Russia's upper house of parliament, Sergei Mironov, told Putin the Federation Council would aim to form an investigative commission.

Putin agreed, telling Mironov in the Kremlin meeting that "we are thoroughly interested in receiving

a complete, objective picture of the tragic events connected with the seizure of the hostages."

The president reportedly said only an internal inquiry would be conducted into the crisis that ended Sept. 3 in a chaos of gunfire and explosions and killed at least 330 hostages, warning that a parliamentary probe could turn into "a political show."

Some Putin critics had doubts about a parliamentary investigation.

"Putin has shown that he doesn't consider it necessary to share with the society any information on Beslan," said Alexander Golts, a military observer for the magazine Yezhenedelye Zhurnal.

"Up until now, nothing in the activity of the upper chamber — or the lower one for that matter — could suggest that these people are capable of any fundamental decisions that would force the leadership to rethink its policy," he said.

Canadian cafe busted for serving marijuana

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A cafe that had been selling marijuana off its menu for about four months was about to be shut down, police said Friday.

Officers seized about 20 pounds of marijuana worth about \$49,000, some hashish and 300 cookies baked with hash or marijuana in an early evening raid Thursday, Acting Deputy Chief Bob Tait said at a news conference.

At one 90-minute period during their surveillance, police saw 230 customers at the Da Kine Smoke and Beverage Shop on Vancouver's hip Commercial Drive. They estimate the cafe was doing about \$22,500 a day, Ralls said.

Seven workers and one customer were taken into custody Thursday night. There were 33 people in the cafe at the time it was raided.

"Charges have been recommended and are currently before [government prosecutors]," Ralls said.

Media scrutiny settled on the cafe last week when owner Carol Gwilt said she was just trying to be a "business person" filling a "huge market." Gwilt said she didn't consider what she was doing illegal.

Police disagreed. "Trafficking is trafficking; it's against the law, you can't sell it," Ralls said.

U.S. withholds Czech military aid to cover parking tickets

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — The United States has cut \$81,000 in military aid to the Czech Republic to make up for Czech diplomats' unpaid parking tickets in New York and Washington, a U.S. official said Saturday.

The diplomats failed to pay off the debt — which included parking tickets issued since 1997 — by a July 30 deadline, meaning that the money will be deducted from \$10 million in U.S. military aid to the Czech Republic, said Lisa Helling, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Prague.

The deduction has been mandated by the U.S. Congress, she added.

The U.S. military aid to the Czech Republic finances two army programs. The Czech Republic has received about \$120 million under the program since 1997, Helling said.

The Czech Foreign Ministry was not immediately available for comment.

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Film of Hitler's last days shows human side of evil

BY IRENE PREISINGER
The Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany — A movie that taps the memoirs of Adolf Hitler's secretary for an intimate portrait of the Nazi leader's final days in his Berlin bunker received a standing ovation at its debut in Germany.

"Der Untergang" ("The Downfall"), with its chillingly lifelike portrayal of Hitler by veteran Swiss actor Bruno Ganz, has drawn critical praise as a film. But critics also question whether Hitler should be portrayed with a human touch, particularly in a German-made movie.

The film shows the Fuehrer stroking dogs and chatting amiably with female aides. It also shows him raging at his desk as the Soviet army closes in on Berlin and demanding that his followers not give up on the "final victory."

At the gala premiere in Munich on Thursday night, producer Bernd Eichinger said his aim was to avoid simply demonizing Hitler, and director Oliver Hirschbiegel argued it was time for a film documenting the Nazis from a German perspective.

"These were people and not robots, not schizophrenic, but people with an incredibly destructive intuition," Eichinger said.

"It is part of human nature that we can be monsters as well as good," Eichinger said. Hitler's demise has fascinated filmmakers for decades. Artists tackling that subject include Alec Guinness in "Hitler: The Last Days" (1973) and Anthony Hopkins in "The Bunker" (1991).

But Germans addressing the subject is a different matter — especially at a time

when topics long taboo because of guilt over the Holocaust, such as the suffering of German civilians under Allied bombing, are being discussed openly.

The daily newspaper Die Welt heralded the film as a "sign of emancipation," showing Germany's ability to come to terms with its past. "Germans have their history, but they no longer have it at their throats," the paper said. "That allows them to see the suicide of Josef Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, after he and his wife killed their six children."

The 150-minute "Der Untergang" starts with the events of April 20, 1945 — Hitler's 56th birthday — and continues through his joint suicide 10 days later with Eva Braun, whom he married the day before.

The \$16.5 million film, which opens across Germany next Thursday, also includes the suicide of Josef Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda chief, after he and his wife killed their six children.

Eichinger, one of Germany's best-known film producers, and Hirschbiegel tell the story from the perspective of Traudl Junge, the secretary who took down Hitler's will and told her story in a documentary released shortly before her 2002 death.

Some wondered whether, even 60 years after the Nazi defeat in World War II, it was right for Germans to make a film seeming to invite viewers to sympathize with Hitler's emotions.

"It's a solid German film, but with a Hitler one can feel pity for," commented Berlin's Der Tagesspiegel. "Should one do this: show Hitler as though at the end he was only a victim, a victim of the circumstances he had created?"

Others said the new film glossed over



Actor Bruno Ganz is seen as Adolf Hitler in "Der Untergang" ("The Downfall"), a film that narrates Hitler's final days.

the broader historical context in favor of personal drama.

"The question of what situation a person like Hitler was in during the last days of April 1945 may not be uninteresting, but it contributes little to history," the Süddeutsche Zeitung newspaper said.

"What is much more important is another question: Why were his orders followed almost until the end?"

Joachim Fest, Germany's best-known Hitler biographer, served as an adviser for the movie, which was filmed in Munich and St. Petersburg, Russia.

"The Nazis staged themselves so brilliantly as a show that the world is still fascinated by them in a creepy way," Fest told the daily Die Welt.

Ganz, whose credits include an angel who fell to Earth in 1987's "Wings of Desire" by Wim Wenders, said he initially had doubts about playing Hitler. But being from neutral Switzerland may have made taking the part easier, he said.

"If I were German, it could very well be that I wouldn't want to play it," he said in an interview with Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

Schroeder: Germany's bonds with U.S. strong

Says opposition to war is not anti-Americanism

BY TONY CUCZKA
The Associated Press

BERLIN — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reassured Germany's right to disagree with the United States over Iraq, adding that it would be wrong to interpret his country's opposition to the war as anti-Americanism.

His comments came at an event marking 10 years since U.S., British and French troops left reunited Berlin at the end of the Cold War, a departure that stood for the return of Germany's sovereignty and the end of five decades of Allied tutelage after World War II.

Schroeder said tribute to the protection that Allied troops gave to West Berlin and West Germany, the influence of American culture and democratic ideals on post-Nazi society, and what he portrayed as a spirit of optimism in the United States that Germany could learn from today.

But he defended his decision to side with France and Russia in opposing last year's U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, which chilled his relationship with President Bush for months.

"It does have to be possible to ask critical questions about a decision, or even reject it, without immediately being put under, as it were, a blanket suspicion," Schroeder said Thursday to an audience that included prominent German and U.S. diplomats and business leaders.

Polls have generally shown that majorities in European countries, including Germany, reject the U.S. policy in Iraq.

But, Schroeder argued, cultural and business ties, along with shared values such as opposing terrorism, still make for strong bonds.

"What I ask you to respect is this: Not to describe every different opinion as anti-Americanism," he said.

Schroeder spoke at the 10th anniversary of the American Academy, a Berlin institute that promotes U.S.-German academic and cultural exchanges and is housed in a former U.S. military recreation center.

Richard Holbrooke, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations during the Clinton administration, said he helped start the academy in 1994 because "drift and distancing was inevitable" in U.S.-German relations after the end of the Cold War.

But Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit said they still have a "firm foundation," dating back to bonding events such as the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift, the Allies when the Soviets blockaded West Berlin.

"This is a kind of sympathy that also allows open, critical dialogue, a dialogue among friends," he said.

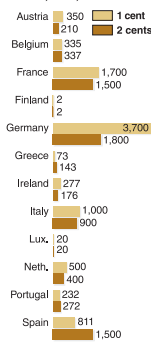


Schroeder

Pinching euro pennies

Over \$350 million worth of 1- and 2-cent euro coins are in circulation throughout Europe, Finland, Belgium and the Netherlands have moved to stop using these coins.

Euro coins produced until Dec. 31, 2001, in millions



SOURCE: European Central Bank

Fate of euro's penny debated

BY PAUL AMES
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — It's less than three years old, but the euro penny seems headed for early retirement in parts of Europe.

Following the lead of Finland, Belgium and the Netherlands have moved to ditch production of their one- and two-cent coins, whose purchasing power and size both have been deemed by the market to be untenable.

Many, though, say it makes no sense to have no cents. Consigning the small change to the piggy bank of history, they say, will force consumers to pay more as stores round up prices to the nearest five cents.

"When we switched from the escudo to the euro, the prices were always rounded up, never down. Now we fear that this could happen again if these little coins go," warned Jorge Morgado, secretary-general of the Portuguese consumers' organization DECO.

"It's little things like a cup of coffee, a cake or the daily paper, but it all adds up," he said from Lisbon. "It's better to keep them for a while longer at least."

Unified spelling of euro mandated

SCHIEVENINGEN, Netherlands — Before the 10 countries that joined the European Union this year can adopt the euro as their currency, they have to spell it correctly first.

The unexpected topic surfaced Saturday at a meeting of finance ministers from the 25 European Union countries.

Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm, the host, said everyone was surprised to find some of the newcomers were spelling euro differently in their native tongues than the rest.

In Slovenia, the common currency is spelled evro. Hungarians add an accent to the "o." Of course that would not be very helpful to create unity ... and clarity in Europe," he said.

So the ministers concluded everyone would spell it e-u-r-o — except of course the Greeks, who have their own alphabet.

"We were all surprised to find that the problem existed, but we solved it," he said. "You see how decisive finance ministers can be."

Asked later whether they also discussed the plural, Zalm admitted he wasn't sure whether euro or euros was considered proper, but added whichever was right, "it will be the case for the new countries, too."

The 10 new members agreed to swap their national currencies for the euro as a condition of EU membership, although only when their economies are ready.

— The Associated Press



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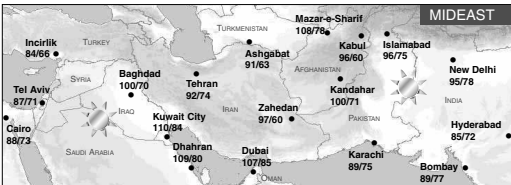
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THE WORLD

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Batavia	100	84	Mexico City	89	56
Beijing	85	61	Montreal	73	56
Albuquerque	80	65	Phoenix	108	83
Bermuda	85	67	Rio de Jan	79	48
Caracas	90	77	Salt Lake City	77	70
Helsinki	54	54	Sofia	78	70
Hong Kong	90	77	Sydney	81	46
London	79	60	Tokyo	83	71

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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Arizona	85	65	Pd	Delaware	75	55	Pd
Arkansas	85	65	Pd	District of Columbia	75	55	Pd
California	85	65	Pd	Florida	85	65	Pd
Colorado	80	62	Pd	Georgia	85	65	Pd
Connecticut	65	45	Pd	Hawaii	85	65	Pd
Delaware	75	55	Pd	Idaho	85	65	Pd
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the high 60s, Monday lows in the high 40s to the low 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with light rain. Highs in the low 60s to low 70s, Monday lows in the high 40s to low 60s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s, Monday lows in the low 40s to the low 50s.

France: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the low 70s to low 80s, Monday lows in the high 40s to the low 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 70s, Monday lows in the high 40s to low 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the high 60s to low 70s, Monday lows in the low to mid 50s.

Hungary: Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s, Monday lows in the upper 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, Monday lows in the low to mid 60s.

Southern Italy: Sunny. Highs in the low 80s, Monday lows in the low to upper 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s Monday lows in the low 40s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the low 60s Monday lows in the upper 40s to mid 50s.

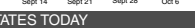
Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms in the east. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s, Monday lows in the mid to low 50s to low 70s.

Turkey: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 80s, Monday low in the upper 50s to the upper 60s.

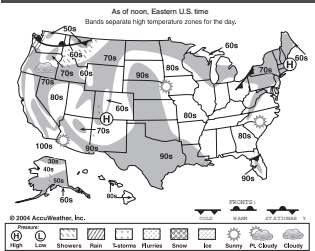
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SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	5:33AM	5:36AM
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:45AM	6:45AM
Sunset (London)	6:22PM	6:20PM
Sunset (Baghdad)	7:13PM	7:12PM



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STARS AND STRIPES

Your HomeTown Newspaper

Car crash kills three

NJ CAMDEN — A man who crashed his car through a McDonald's restaurant at about 100 mph, killing three workers, pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide and agreed to serve 10 years in prison.

Frank R. Nastasi Sr. described the 2002 crash in court, saying he was trying to drive to his father's house after dreaming that his father was ill. As he raced to the home, he missed a turn and lost control of the car.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

A battle is brewing

CO DENVER — In Colorado, where microbreweries are common and the biggest beer magazine is running for the Senate, a battle is brewing among teetotalers over who should be their presidential candidate.

Earl Dodge of Denver, the Prohibition Party's candidate in every presidential election since 1984, is running again in November. But coident members complain that he is more interested in his political button business than the party, and they say the 71-year-old Dodge needs to have more power to a younger generation.

Because of the split, Colorado voters will have two anti-alcohol parties to choose from Nov. 2: Dodge and the Rev. Gene Amondson of the newly formed Concerns of People (Prohibition) Party.

Employees under review

TN NASHVILLE — The Department of Children's Services said it is reviewing its operations after employees botched the case of a 13-month-old boy who was later killed, the second time in two months that the agency conceded its staff failed to quickly respond to reports of endangered children.

"The department continues to be plagued by a few employees who cast a negative reflection on the vast majority, those who are committed to improving the lives of Tennessee's children," said Viola Miller, DCS commissioner. "From this day forward, I am committing myself to riding the department of employees who are just here to earn a paycheck."

WWII plane crashed

TX CORSICANA — A vintage World War II plane crashed in a pasture shortly after it took off, killing two men, authorities said. Witnesses Jeff Horn and his wife, Dora, told the Corsicana Daily Sun that the 1943 Fairchild PT26 had just taken off from the Corsicana Municipal Airport when the engine stalled, sending the plane crashing to the ground.

Passenger Robert Burleson of Corsicana was killed. The pilot, Cliff McChuney of Kearsy, died later at a hospital. Authorities said both men were in their 60s.

The Federal Aviation Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the local sheriff's department were investigating.

Teens' rights violated

CT HARTFORD — State officials repeatedly violated the constitutional rights of two

young teenage girls by strip-searching them without probable cause, a federal appeals court ruled.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York found that officials legally searched the girls when they entered the juvenile correction system, but crossed the line with a policy of strip-searching inmates after court hearings and transfers.

The court's decision did not name the facilities where the girls, 13 and 14, were strip-searched. The girls described one search conducted with other inmates present.

Demolition surprise

MO CAPE GIRARDEAU — An explosion meant to demolish one section of an obsolete Mississippi River bridge unexpectedly brought down the rest of the span, too.

Hundreds of observers watched in fascination — and dismay — as the steel structure jackknifed into the water, rumbling the Cape Girardeau riverfront. One support pier also collapsed. Debris fell into the river and leaned partially against a still-standing bridge support.

The explosion had been aimed to remove only the section of bridge closest to the Missouri side. The Illinois approach was removed earlier, and the two final sections were



Balancing act

Chris Higgins, 16, balances a Hackey Sac on his head as he plays with friends before youth service for teenagers at Faith Christian Family Church in Clovis, N.M.

to be demolished this fall.

Stolen relics

NV RENO — Two men convicted of stealing ancient American Indian rock etchings from a national forest were sentenced to short prison terms.

Defense lawyers said they will appeal because the men did not know — and federal prosecutors failed to prove — the petroglyphs were valuable archaeological artifacts.

U.S. District Judge Howard McKibben sentenced Carroll Mizell, 44, Van Nuys, Calif., who has a prior criminal record, to four months in prison and two months house arrest. John Ligon, 40, Reno, was sentenced to two months.

A federal jury in June convicted the men of stealing three large boulders bearing the etchings of an archer and highhorn sheep from an archaeological site on the edge of a northwest Reno neighborhood.

Forest Service officials believe the relics are at least 1,000 years old.

High-speed ferry docked

NV ROCHESTER — A high-speed ferry that carried 140,000 passengers across Lake Ontario in its first 11 weeks in service was tied up at its home port, possibly until next spring, with debts of \$1.7 million.

The operator of the Spirit of Ontario, a 55-mph catamaran that zipped across the lake in two hours and 15 minutes, blamed regulatory hurdles.

"We hope to be back in service in the next few days or the next few weeks at the latest, but if we have to work all through the winter to get these issues resolved, we're going to do that," said Cornel Martin, president of Canadian American Transportation Systems.

Boat is a golden find

AK ANCHORAGE — The wreckage of a steamship found near Cordova has been identified as the S.S. Portland, a vessel known for launching the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Portland, which once smuggled guns, drugs and illegal workers, was one of the first ships to carry Yukon miners and their gold from Alaska in 1897, and helped spark the fever that drew thousands to Alaska in search of their fortune.

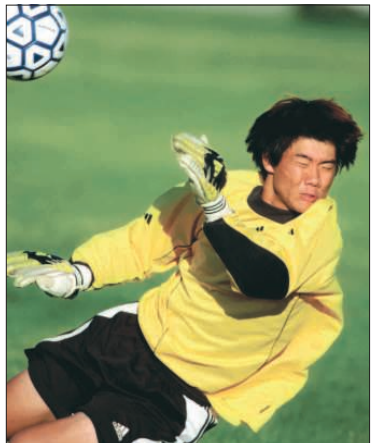
The Portland hauled miners to Skagway and St. Michael, the two routes into the Klondike, near present-day Dawson City, and then to the next gold strike in Nome.

Official ordered to work

MD ANNAPOLIS — A judge ordered Maryland's top elections official back to work, temporarily overturning her suspension by the State Board of Elections until a hearing can take place.

Linda Lamone, criticized in recent months for advocating an entirely electronic voting system, has a hearing on her suspension with pay — the first step toward firing her.

Lamone has been criticized for the purchase of 16,000 Diebold AccuVote TS voting machines, a model that experts have criticized, saying they leave no paper trail and are susceptible to tampering.



Sliding save Burlington High School varsity soccer goalkeeper Matt Eisold makes a sliding save attempt off a Horlick High School forward's shot on goal during the second half of Burlington's match with Horlick High School near Racine, Wis.



Flying high Mike Gural of Black Hawk, S.D., tries out his new power kite on the western edge of Rapid City, S.D.



A bloody deal Red Cross nurse Kathy Pickering draws blood from Tessa Fraser, left, while Michele Wick, right, waits her turn at the Cleveland Regional Transit Authority offices in Cleveland. The Cleveland Regional Transit Authority handed out vouchers for a pint of any beverage, including beer, in exchange for a pint of blood, the latest incentive offered to try to build up the blood banks.



Wet and wild ride

Rafters run the Smelter Rapids on the Animas River through Durango, Colo.



Keeping cool

Los Angeles Dodgers fan Martin Perez takes in a cool mist as he and others wait to hear announcements regarding a lottery held for fans wanting to purchase tickets for a possible Los Angeles Dodgers playoff game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.



Leap into school

Tucker Gray jumps into second grade as he gets off the school bus on the first day back at Mitchell School in Kittery Point, Maine.



Waiting for dinner

A vulture sits outside a Gainesville, Fla., restaurant waiting for food. Recent storms might have driven it to this unusual behavior.

Town wants tourists

AR HOT SPRINGS — Bill Clinton's boyhood home wants part of the tourist business expected from the opening Nov. 18 of the former president's library. City officials say Little Rock, 50 miles away, won't be able to handle everyone coming for the festivities.

Comments end case

NE LINCOLN — An appeals court threw out a child molester's sentence because of religious comments made by the trial judge — the same judge who had another sentence thrown out for the same reason in 1998.

Jay Bruna, a former bus driver sentenced to 15 to 50 years for sexually assaulting a child on his bus, will remain in prison until he is re-sentenced.

The Nebraska Court of Appeals based its decision on the fact that District Judge George Thompson made religious references before sentencing, referring to his own earlier case.

From tavern to jazz club

IL CHICAGO — Gerry's Palm Tavern, once a gathering place for black celebrities in Bronzeville, is slated for replacement by a new jazz club. Preservationists say the neighborhood on Chicago's South Side would benefit more from restoring the tavern to draw tourists and history buffs.

Wallaby welcome wagon

WA KEY CENTER — A family moving into a home west of Tacoma was greeted by an unusual welcome.

A family member found a young male wallaby — a marsupial native to Australia — outside the home's rear door, authorities said.

Animal control officers say the wallaby may have been raised as a pet, which is legal in the county, and then either escaped or was abandoned. The animal now occupies a dog kennel in the shelter's isolation wing and feeds on timothy hay and carrots.

Sponge to clean sewers

RI PROVIDENCE — An experimental material used to stop pollutants in stormwater sewers from emptying into waterways debuts at Scarborough Beach in Narragansett, and state officials are hopeful it can be used to reduce beach closures statewide.

The material is called the "Smart Sponge," and is made by AbTech Industries of Scottsdale, Ariz. It is being tried for the first time in the Scarborough Beach project, said state Department of Transportation spokeswoman Dana Nolle.

Scarborough was closed to swimmers twice this summer due to pollution. The beach is affected by rain overflows from three primary storm drains.

Unborn child case

TX AMARILLO — A woman pleaded guilty to delivering crack to her unborn son, avoiding trial in a case that could determine

the boundaries of a state law intended to protect the unborn.

As part of her plea agreement, Tracy Ward, 30, retained her right to appeal, said her attorney, Joe Dawson. The deal averted trial over the question of whether a mother's actions can be prosecuted under a law that classifies a fetus as an individual.

Ward, who admitted smoking crack cocaine in the days leading up to her son's birth in early November, will be sentenced.

Speeders are served

CT MIDDLETOWN — State troopers issued 4,954 tickets over the Labor Day weekend, surpassing by more than 2,000 the number of highway summonses issued last year. Most tickets were for speeding.

Village ceases to exist

OH NEW ROME — No roads lead to New Rome.

This tiny central Ohio village, known to locals as a speed trap that raked in thousands of dollars in traffic fines every year, is no more.

The village's dissolution became official and it now becomes another part of Prairie Township.

New Rome's demise came after a court sided with Attorney General Jim Petro and agreed the village had been operating illegally.

A recently passed law allows the state to seek dissolution of villages of fewer than 150 people if the state auditor finds a pattern of wrongdoing or incompetence in the its operation. The village admitted it did not pass a tax budget in 2004 and failed to follow election laws.

Puppy fights back

FL PENSACOLA — A man who tried to shoot seven puppies was shot himself when one of the dogs put its paw on the revolver's trigger.

Jerry Allen Bradford, 37, was charged with felony animal cruelty, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said. He was being treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound to the wrist.

Bradford said he decided to shoot the 3-month-old shepherd-mix dogs in the head because he couldn't find them at home, according to the sheriff's office.

Bradford was holding two puppies — one in his arms and another in his left hand — when the dog in his hand wiggled and put its paw on the trigger of the .38-caliber revolver. The gun then discharged, the sheriff's report said.

Prison tightens security

MT HELENA — A private company contracted to transport state prisoners will tighten security after four inmates escaped from a transport van. The company agreed to assign a "chase car" when transporting the most dangerous inmates, to stop the vans only at secure locations and not to stop at all during trips of less than three hours.

Stories and photos from wire services

OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Bush honest on vast terror war
The Courier, Findlay, Ohio

President Bush created quite a stir when he said [Aug. 30] on NBC's "Today" show, "I don't think we can win it" — meaning the war on terrorism.

His political rivals immediately pounced. Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards said, "After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism. This is no time to declare defeat."

Well, that's politics. Bush was hardly declaring defeat. He was being both realistic — acknowledging that the scope of this war makes it more a battle to control than to win — and optimistic.

We can't "win" this war militarily — but we have to continue to do all we can to create the conditions that make a real victory possible.

Bush understands this. The Democrats never have. That's why we need to re-elect the president.

One thousand deaths later
Los Angeles Times

Six U.S. soldiers were killed, two Italian aid workers were kidnapped and warplanes bombed a Sunni enclave in Fallujah, a city mostly off-limits to coalition troops. It was just another day in the war Tuesday, except for the numbers. By [Wednesday] morning, Iraq time, the Associated Press count of casualties stated that 1,000 U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq, aside from more than 100 other coalition soldiers and thousands of Iraqi noncombatants. And many thousands more have been wounded.

It is an obvious point at which to ask: To what end are U.S. personnel continuing to die? What is it that commanders should tell their troops as they head into lethal streets? Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday that violence was increasing because insurgents viewed peaceful balloting, set for January, and a democratic constitution as enemies. That conclusion is debatable, perhaps even a smoke screen. What's not in doubt is the insurgents' view of U.S. troops as the enemy. It's a belief that unites adherents of the Sunni brand of Islam, who have fought coalition troops out of much or all of the cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Samarra, and the Shiite Muslims who fought the Americans in Najaf.

The United States will not win a war of attrition. Such wars do not favor occupying armies. Enclaves off-limits to soldiers give insurgents staging grounds.

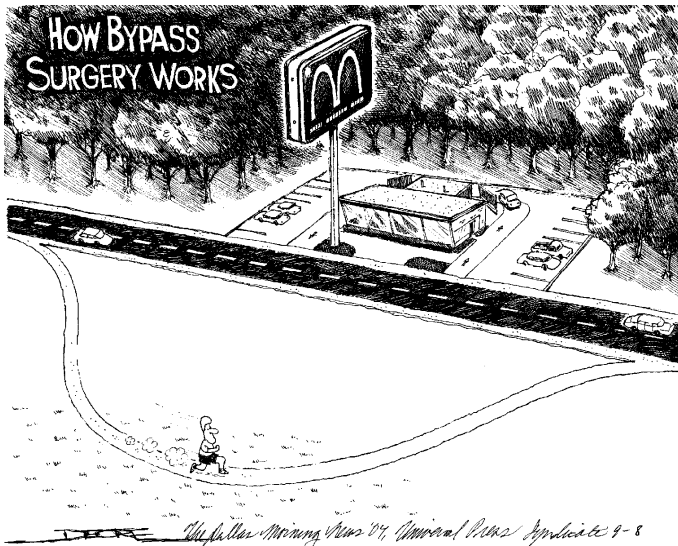
Invading nations have an obligation to try to repair the damage they cause, but armies also need a clearly defined mission. How much are U.S. troops supposed to rebuild? Are they still meant to install democracy? Or will the U.S. settle for any kind of political stability, even if repressive clerics rule the country?

Soldiers and Marines deserve to know, as they head out to face snipers and roadside bombs, what they're meant to accomplish for that price.

Poor plan doomed Abu Ghraib
The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Two recently conducted inquiries into the abuse of prisoners by U.S. military personnel at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad dealt only briefly with what might have been the most shocking failure: the neglect of U.S. officials to plan for anything but the most rosy scenario in the wake of Baghdad's capture.

One example of all this is the Abu Ghraib prison problem is that in October 2003, the



facility held 7,000 prisoners and had a guard force of only 90 people, many of whom could not speak the languages of the detainees.

The abuses at Abu Ghraib shocked many Americans. What should be more shocking was that so many top officials apparently believed the "caveat" theory. The first false assumption was that almost all Iraqis would be so pleased to be "liberated" that occupation would present no major problems. The second was that the remnants of the old regime would ... not resist. The third was a failure to anticipate that occupied Iraq would become a magnet for every jihadist in the region with an itch to kill Americans and other infidels.

Bush administration hawks apparently so believed their own spin that they had no plan or plan C. U.S. military personnel in Iraq are paying for this failure still.

Clinton still defies odds
Times Union, Albany, N.Y.

As President Clinton recovers from coronary bypass surgery, we join with millions of Americans who wish him a full and speedy return to good health. But we also wonder, along with many others, how he could have come so close to a severe, even fatal, heart attack — as his doctors say he did — without someone raising a warning flag long ago.

Mr. Clinton always seemed to be in good physical shape, both while in the White House and later in private life. Despite his junk-food diet and cigars, he jogged regularly, and his energy seemed inexhaustible. He exuded youthful robustness that belied his 58 years, and in recent months he appeared in better shape than ever after losing weight on the South Beach diet.

So how is it that, when Mr. Clinton checked into New York's Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, several of his arteries were 90 percent blocked with plaque — as doctors are now saying? Given his history of thorough medical checkups ... why didn't someone notice the warning signs long before this month?

If there is a common thread that runs through all of this, it's that of cavalier attitudes — on the part of a patient who too

often brushed aside the potential dangers of his diet and family medical history, and of doctors who should have looked more closely at those dangers as well.

Insurance is Frances-friendly
The Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press

As Florida digs itself out from a second major hurricane in less than a month, the state can be thankful for a few things, chief among them the relatively good condition of the state's insurance industry.

Hurricane Frances will no doubt add billions to the \$7.4 billion in insured losses caused by Charley. But the double whammy should have far less effect on the industry than Hurricane Andrew did in 1992.

Since then, state and industry officials have raised insurance rates significantly to build up reserves, and let companies charge larger deductibles to reduce their exposure. They also created a hurricane catastrophe fund that, in effect, insures the insurers.

The catastrophe fund will still have \$5 billion in cash after providing about \$1 billion to back up claims from Charley. The fund can issue bonds for up to \$9 billion more if needed, placing assessments on policies to cover the cost.

We'll see how things go, but the industry insists it is more than capable of making 2004's huge payouts. ...

The insurance premium hikes during the past decade-plus have been sharp and painful ... It will all be worth it if people get good coverage and if they do not have to face an outlandish round of new increases.

That should not be necessary if the industry is as sound as it says it is.

Bryant case rightfully ended
Denver Rocky Mountain News

So the trial of Kobe Bryant has ended before it even began and the threat of a long prison sentence is now lifted from Bryant's head.

At his press conference, District Attorney Mark Hubbert's remarks were reserved almost entirely to a self-serving defense of his office and expressions of confidence in the alleged victim. He devoted not one mo-

ment's reflection on the injustice of someone being tagged with an apparently unprovable charge and having his life turned upside down as a result.

In this case, that person happened to be an NBA star with the resources to sustain himself. A similar experience could easily have destroyed many other men. Does Hubbert have any remorse over his handling of this case? Apparently not.

And meanwhile, of course, Bryant is still facing a civil lawsuit over the matter. ...

In the coming days and weeks, much more criticism likely will be leveled against Colorado's rape shield law, the primary complaint being that it is inadequate to the task of resolving acquaintance rape cases. We expect more bashing, too, of the media. In our view, however, the rape shield law worked as intended, media coverage had nothing to do with the outcome of this case and the prosecution itself was the weakest link.

Lesson: Acts have consequences
Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

It's difficult to know quite what to make of the dismissal of basketball superstar Kobe Bryant's criminal court case on an allegation of sexual assault. What is clear is that nobody won here, and that casual sex has its consequences.

Indeed, for a one-night stand that he maintains was consensual, the then-24-year-old Bryant risked his marriage, his health, his liberty, his wealth, his career and his reputation. Though he doesn't have prison hanging over his head now, it's hard to believe that he would say anything about that June 30, 2003, evening at a lodge in Eagle County, Colo., was worth it.

Of course, we'd like to think in America that the scales of justice are equal for all, for prosecution and defense, for accuser and accused. And yet in a case like this, celebrity and wealth skew everything. ... Some unfortunate things happened in and around this case that may have prejudiced this outcome. Knowing that, other rape victims should not be discouraged from coming forward in circumstances that likely will not resemble these. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to try to avoid these potentially tragic situations in the first place, to the extent one is able.

'Joeey' ratings 'respectable'

New La Blanc series debuts on NBC with 18.6 million viewers

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Based on its series premiere, Joeey Tribiani is missing a few viewers along with his "Friends."

An estimated 18.6 million people watched the first episode of "Joeey" on Thursday, the spinoff of "Friends" that NBC was counting on to keep its Thursday night lineup strong, according to Nielsen Media Research.

That's lower than any original episode of Matt LeBlanc's old series drew last season, including the 24.5 million people who saw the season debut.

NBC notes that "Joeey" gathered the largest audience among the advertiser-friendly 18-to-49-year-old age group of any other entertainment show since May. It was also the best-rated 8 p.m. comedy premiere for NBC in 14 years.

Yet given that NBC promoted the series heavily during the Olympics and its chief Thursday competition, "Survivor," hasn't started the season yet, it seemed the number would have been higher, said Marc Berman, a television analyst for Media Week Online.

"I can't imagine they're all there [at NBC] jumping for joy," he said.

"Joeey" should settle in to being "a respectable hit," he said.

The ratings compare to last season's premiere of CBS' "Two and a Half Men," which drew 18.4 million viewers. Television viewers haven't exactly jumped at the chance to see network fare ahead of the traditional start of the fall season in late September. Fox's effort to debut new series in the summer proved to be disastrous.

Noah Wyle talks about leaving 'ER'

BY DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Noah Wyle, the last continuous on-air link to the NBC medical drama "ER's" freshman season in 1994, seems headed for the doctor's retirement home.

Wyle, who plays Dr. John Carter, told E! Entertainment Television on Thursday that he plans to leave the show at the end of this season.

"I've just got other stuff going in my life right now," Wyle told "E! News Live." "I've got a son, I've got family and friends that said goodbye to me 12 years ago and are wondering when I'm coming back, and this little urge to scratch a different kind of itch in my career, and it's just coming to the end of the character's run."

Wyle was the impressionable young resident among a powerhouse cast that included Anthony Edwards, George Clooney, Eriq La Salle and Julianna Margulies. As they all left around him, Wyle became the show's promotional centerpiece.

He may have talked to E! about leaving, but he hasn't told series creator John Wells or the producers, Warner Bros. Television, said Wyle's spokeswoman, Eddie George.

"He's clear on what he said," George said. "That's where his head is at. That could change. There's a lot of things that could happen between now and the end of the season."

A Warner Bros. spokeswoman said only, "people are going to have to stay tuned to see what's happening."

The five-time Emmy Award nominee's contract expires at the end of this season.



La Blanc



Wyle

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(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Movie ***: 'Toy Story 2' (1999) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen	WWE SmackDown!	Headline News	U.S. Open Tennis Men's Semifinals, From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Taped)	JAG 'Legacy' (Part 2 of 2)	WWE SmackDown!
10:00 SpongeBob	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Good Eats	My Wife and Kids	Stargate SG-1
10:30 Destinations	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition	Hope & Faith	The Bernie Mac Show	Headline News
11:00 Ebert & Roeper	ESPNs	CNN Presents	The King of Queens	Hope & Faith	Headline News
11:30 Headline News	7th Heaven 'Little White Lies' (Part 2 of 3)	Fox and Friends	Movie 'Hunter: Blood in Force' (2003) Fred Dryer, Stephanie Kramer	Movie 'Hunter: Blood in Force' (2003) Fred Dryer, Stephanie Kramer	Headline News
12:30 Army Newsweek	Movie 'Hunter: Blood in Force' (2003) Fred Dryer, Stephanie Kramer	Fox and Friends	College Football Teams to Be Announced	Friends	Headline News
13:00 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced (Live)	The Simpsons	CBS News Sunday Morning	Seinfeld 'The Pick'	Seinfeld 'The Pick'	Headline News
14:00 Headline News	That '70s Show	Access Hollywood	Face the Nation	Headline News	Headline News
15:00 Headline News	Seinfeld 'The Couch'	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:00 WWE SmackDown!	That '70s Show	Access Hollywood	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:30 Stargate SG-1	Access Hollywood	Face the Nation	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
17:00 Stargate SG-1	America's Black Forum	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
17:30 Fox NFL Sunday (Live)	NFL Today (Live)	Late Edition Primetime	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
18:00 Fox NFL Sunday (Live)	NFL Today (Live)	Late Edition Primetime	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
18:30 NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)
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23:00 NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)	NFL Football: Regional Coverage - Arizona at St. Louis, Detroit at Chicago, Seattle at New Orleans or Tampa Bay at Washington (Live)
00:00 NFL Football: Regional Coverage	NFL Football: Regional Coverage	Tim Russert	10:00 U.S. Open Tennis Men's Final	The View	NFL Football: Regional Coverage
1:00 Headline News	Sesame Street (E)	Fox Report	SportsCenter	Emmer Live	Sesame Street (E)
1:30 Seinfeld 'The Couch'	Headline News	Headline News	NFL Primetime (Live)	30-Minute Meals	Headline News
2:00 That '70s Show	Dora the Explorer	This Week	Designers' Challenge	Dora the Explorer	Headline News
2:30 Access Hollywood	Dr. Phil	Dateline International	Fox News Watch	Designers' Challenge	Dr. Phil
3:00 Headline News	Oprah Winfrey	60 Minutes	Headline News	Fashion Emergency	Oprah Winfrey
3:30 WWE SmackDown!	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	The Soup	Headline News
4:00 America's Black Forum	Headline News	CNN Presents	Headline News	The King of Queens	Headline News
4:30 Meet the Press	Judge Judy	Larry King Live	Headline News	Judge Judy	Headline News
5:00 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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6:00 Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
6:30 ESPNs	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
7:00 Sesame Street (E)	General Hospital	CNN Sunday Night	NFL Primetime	Aly McBeal 'The Attitude'	General Hospital
7:30 Headline News	Fox Magazine	Next at CNN	SportsCenter	Any Day Now 'Pissed Don't Tell My Mother'	Recess (E)
8:00 Dora the Explorer	DragonflyTV	The Beltway Boys	SportsCenter	ER 'Humpty Dumpty'	DragonflyTV
8:30 Wheel of Fortune	Mary-Kate and Ashley	Fox News Watch	PGA Golf	Law & Order 'Patsy'	Jeopardy!
9:00 Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Bulls and Bears	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
9:30 Wheel of Fortune	Wheel of Fortune	Crucial on Business	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Dateline NBC	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
10:30 Guiding Light	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
11:00 General Hospital	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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15:00 Recess (E)	Pacific Report	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
15:30 Digimon-Digital	The Tonight Show	Channel One	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:00 DragonflyTV	Late Show	The Early Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:30 Jim Possible (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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18:00 APN Evening News	The Late Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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20:00 Cold Case 'Resolutions'	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
20:30 Countdown With Keith Urban	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
21:00 24 Day 3: 8:00PM - 9:00PM	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
21:30 Entertainment	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:00 The Hot List	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
22:30 The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
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Q Bob Barker, host of "The Price Is Right," often promotes cat and dog adoption. How many pets does he have? — Suzanne Douglas, Manalapan, N.J.

A Barker, 80, lives with a small menagerie of rescued animals. His companions include Dulce, a 14-year-old tabby he found in his driveway, and two rabbits that mysteriously appeared in his back yard. "I tried to find their owner, but no one claimed them," Barker tells us. He recently lost his black Lab, Winston, to kidney failure. No doubt a needy canine will adopt Bob before long.

Q You're always knocking Madonna. So how do you explain the huge success of her Re-invention Tour? — Brad Janeway, Raleigh, N.C.

A At 46, Madonna has stopped making a spectacle of herself, but she hasn't forgotten how to make a spectacle on stage. When it comes to multimedia effects, no one can match her brilliance.

Q If Liz Taylor's marriage to hotel heir Nicky Hilton in 1950 had lasted, how would she be related to Paris Hilton? — Gailtha Shannon, Ruskin, Fla.

A Dame Elizabeth, 72, would be Paris' great-aunt.



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Elizabeth Taylor could have been an aunt to the Hiltons.

bigger headlines by dating a popular DJ. Still, it's too soon to write Charlotte off at 18.

Q I hear so little about Welsh singer Charlotte Church. What's happened to her? — K.L., Detroit, Mich.

A She's been upstaged by a younger phenom — New Zealander Hayley Westenra, 17, who released her first album at 13 and now has a double-platinum classical CD titled "Pure." She'll be on NBC's "American Dreams" next month and PBS in December. As for Charlotte, she had a musical film ("I'll Be There") and a pop tune ("The Opera Song") last year but made a popular DJ. Still, it's too soon to write Charlotte off at 18.

Q Is it true that liberal political commentator Al Franken is thinking of running for the Senate from Minnesota? — Brad Westerhoff, Los Angeles, Calif.

A Yes. "I probably won't decide until the end of 2005 or the beginning of 2006," says Franken, 53, who grew up in Minnesota. "The deciding factor will be my family, because I'd have less time to spend with them." In the meantime, his best-seller "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them" is now out in paperback, and "The Al Franken Show" is heard daily on Air America Radio.



AP

Q Sometimes I think Julia Roberts is the only female star who can open a movie. Hasn't she had any flops? — G. Christopher, Chicago, Ill.

A More than she'd like to recall. To name just a few: "Dying Young" (1991), "I Love Trouble" (1994), "Something to Talk About" (1995), "Mary Reilly" (1996), "Michael Collins" (1996), "The Mexican" (2001) and "Full Frontal" (2002).

Julia Roberts has suffered her share of failed flicks.

Q Sen. John McCain is seeking a posthumous presidential pardon for Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight boxing champ. What's his personal interest? — Craig Hensley, Tucson, Ariz.

A McCain, chairman of the Senate committee that oversees boxing, got involved at the request of Ken Burns, who is making a film about the 1908-15 titleholder. "I've been a boxing fan for years," McCain tells us. "Jack Johnson went to jail on a trumped-up charge [abetting prostitution] to punish him for being an African-American in a white man's sport."



AP

The many faces of Viggo: For Mortensen, who starred in "Hidalgo" and played Aragorn in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, acting is only scratching the surface of his talent.

Q Is it true that "Lord of the Rings" star Viggo Mortensen has released some CDs? — Lynda Emanuel, Wood-Ridge, N.J.

A Yes. The multitasking star (he's also a poet, painter and photographer) has collaborated on several CDs with Guns 'n' Roses guitarist Buckethead. "Please Tomorrow" — with Viggo, 45, on piano, organ, guitar and drums — is due out soon. He also remains a busy actor, with upcoming roles in "A History of Violence" and "Alatriste," to be shot in Spanish. He's fluent — naturally.

Q I have a bet going. I say Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis are married. My friend says she's just his girlfriend. Who's right? — Heather J. Lake Matthews, Calif.

A Neither of you. The gorgeous French singer-actress-model is more than a girlfriend but, legally speaking, less than a wife. Paradis, 31, has lived monogamously for six years with Depp, 41. They have two children — Lily Rose, 5, and Jack, 2 — and divide their time between a home in the south of France and a \$2.3 million gated mansion in L.A. Depp also bought a Caribbean isle this summer for \$3.5 million.



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Johnny Depp and longtime love Vanessa Paradis share two children and at least three homes.

YOUR MONEY

Know who you're turning to for funds advice

Issue Besue, from the book "The Savvy Saver's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Jake talked about conflicts of interest.

Now the mutual funds they discussed last night are really expensive and are called contractual mutual funds — or an agreement to invest a certain amount of your money every month for the next 10 or 20 years into one specific mutual fund. As soon as you put your savings into them, you are required to pay all of the salesman's monthly commissions for the next 10 or 20 years, up from resulting in a 50 percent first year sales commission. It's the same as losing half of your first year's savings! This 50 percent loss is just to com-

pensate the salesman for recommending the mutual fund to you — not to help the professional who is investing your savings.

"Even worse, if you want to diversify or cash out of the contractual mutual fund for whatever reason before your 10 or 20 years are up, too bad. Your advance commission is gone.

"In contrast, no-load mutual funds charge zero sales commissions even and invest in the same investments in similar fund types as contractual mutual funds. No-loads allow you to put all of your money in any combination of mutual funds, you can take out your money when you need it, and you get to invest all of your savings that you invest in them the first year — not half."

"Why ever buy a mutual fund with a

load then?" Maggie asked.

"It's just one of many ways for investment professionals to make a living."

Jake replied. "Another option for savers who don't have the time to do their own research but don't want to pay load mutual funds is to pay an hourly fee to a licensed adviser for investment advice.

"OK, if you ever need an adviser, my old senior chief said to make sure the adviser has been in business for at least 10 years in order for them to see both good times and bad. They also need to recommend more than just one mutual fund.

"Go to the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) Web site at www.nasd.org to find out if there have been any complaints against the adviser. Use only advisers that have the CFP, or Certified Financial Planner, designation.

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These designations show that the adviser has significant experience and has completed a rigorous standard exam to prove their financial planning competence.

"You can check CFPs out even more at the CFP Board of Standards Web site www.cfp.com and adviser recommendations from family and close friends are also helpful."

Next week, Jake talks about life insurance.

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Would you like fries with that visa plan?

Employers manipulate foreign education program and exchange students to import cheap labor

By GAUTRA BHADUR

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Voicu Bogdan came to the United States two years ago thinking he had signed up for management training that would launch him on a career in tourism at home in Romania.

Instead, the college graduate cooked burgers and swabbed floors for \$7 an hour at a Wendy's in Paoli, Pa. He said he sometimes worked more than 50 hours a week without overtime pay.

The State Department forbids using the cultural and educational exchange program that brought Bogdan here purely to import workers.

But that is what he and three others who has happened at six Wendy's restaurants in Chester County, Pa.

The franchise owner — Exton, Pa.-based Starboard Group — denies the allegation, calling the newcomers behind its fast-food counters "international students" who get hands-on training in business. The Cultural Exchange Network, the company that sponsored them for a fee of \$700 each, also denies doing anything improper.

The workers' complaints point to a link in a federal program that last year brought more than 200,000 au pairs, camp counselors, teachers and other foreign citizens to the United States under J-1 visas.

Both pro- and anti-immigration groups say employers increasingly abuse the gray areas of the Ex-

change Visitor Program to circumvent prevailing wage and other labor laws. The program has ballooned in recent years, and it has no cap.

"The J-1 provides a fig leaf for what's going on in many cases," said Jessica Vaughan, a policy analyst for the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that supports restricting immigration.

"It really is more about access to a very low-cost pool of labor than it is about any promotion of U.S. culture."

In recent years, some J-1 participants have complained to the State Department of being brought to the United States to sell produce from roadside stands in Maryland, dig ditches as construction workers in Louisiana and clean hotel rooms in Vermont.

At the Chester County Wendy's stores, four former and current employees on J-1 visas said their tasks were menial and that the only hope they had to rise above fetching Super Value meals was to become shift supervisors or assistant managers. When they complained, they said, Starboard officials said they could go home.

"They just use us for cheap labor," said Bogdan, 26, who had hoped to gain skills he could use in Romania, which is so eager to develop its tourism industry that it is building a Dracula theme park.

Bogdan and the other trainees earn as much every hour as regular employees. However, their



Voicu Bogdan, left, and Dezso Kiss, both from Romania, stand in front of Wendy's in West Chester, Pa., on July 24. Both came to the United States through a federal exchange program, which put them to work in the restaurant chain.

program calls for a 50-hour week. Two of the trainees said that, with a shortage of managers at the stores now, they often stay even longer than 50 hours.

According to Bogdan's written training plan with Starboard, he was supposed to work for six weeks with the company's accounting firm.

That did not happen, Bogdan said.

It is against J-1 rules for sponsors or companies they work with to stray from structured plans for trainees approved by the State Department. "You can't charge somebody a fee telling them they're going to get trained and bring them over here to do cheap labor," a State Department official said, speaking about the visa program in general.

Starboard officials said the 20 Eastern Europeans who have worked at its Wendy's stores in the last four years received on-the-job training and followed the same path as employees on its management track.

"We're talking mopping floors, do the dishes, clean the grills," said Bob Zoeller, the franchise's chief executive officer. "It's important for management people to see what crew people are doing."

"When you come, you're going to do everything a crew person does. This isn't a sit-down job."

When asked the difference between J-1 trainees and employees on the management track, Zoeller said: "Nothing. ... They're paid the same salaries."

According to State Department

guidelines, sponsors such as the Cultural Exchange Network, or CENET, must monitor the safety and well-being of the foreigners they bring into the United States. They must also check that third-party groups that sponsors sometimes use follow the training plans approved by the U.S. government.

There have been other indications of problems with programs sponsored by CENET, a Missouri-based nonprofit that last year brought about 350 people into the United States.

In all, about 1,500 J-1 sponsors are approved by the State Department.

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YOUR MONEY

Fries: Exchange students translate into cheap labor for U.S. companies

FRIES, FROM PAGE 30

In 2001, a State Department investigation found that CENET and two other sponsors had brought in electrical engineers and electricians under the guise of training them in American electrical methods, but instead put them to work at sometimes unrelentingly construction tasks at lower wages than U.S. workers. The State Department found new training sites for the foreign workers, but it did not sanction the sponsors.

In the last three years, about 15 sponsors have received letters of reprimand or had the size of their programs cut back, according to the State Department.

None has been eliminated from the Exchange Visitor Program. After its investigation into the construction workers' case, the State Department said it would develop new rules to prevent abuse. The rules are still being written, a spokeswoman said.

One of the construction trainees brought to Pennsylvania through the program fell 15 feet onto a concrete floor while removing lighting fixtures for a Chester County contractor. George Teglas, a Romanian electrician, alleged in a lawsuit against CENET and others

that it failed to watch over his training and safety.

According to the lawsuit—which is scheduled to be tried in January in the Lehigh County, Pa., Court of Common Pleas—Teglas suffered brain damage, required round-the-clock supervision for two years and still has double vision.

CENET Vice President Margaret Popham acknowledged that it had not inspected the Allentown, Pa., building site. "He had not been there that long for us to get to it," she said. "We had every reason to believe that everything was safe."

CENET ultimately cut off ties with USA-IT, the company that farmed out Teglas. "They were not carrying out the training properly at all," Popham said.

Philip Hare, an attorney representing USA-IT in the Teglas case, said the sponsor was responsible for the training and that USA-IT "had no legal obligation" to train the workers.

In the Wendy's case, CENET Vice President Margaret Popham said she was not aware of trainees' complaints. She added that CENET keeps close tabs on the trainees. "We're fairly thorough,"

she said, "trying to ascertain what they came for is being done."

The 11 trainees interviewed insisted it was not.

Dezso Kiss, 27, said promised housing close to transportation turned out to be a Pennsylvania motel on Potstown Pike from which he walked about three miles to work every day.

He said he confronted the store manager when the expected training in marketing, finance and accounting did not materialize. "It OK," he said. "But after four months? OK, what's next?"

CENET and Starboard said Kiss was complaining because he left the company after holding store receipts over a weekend.

Kiss, in turn, said his bosses retaliated against him because he spoke up about being misled.

He said he complained to CENET that his 18-month internship in management was just a job in fast food, but was told to go home if he didn't like the deal he got. Kiss had already sunk his savings—\$2,500, or a year's salary in Romania—into CENET's fee and plane tickets here. He stayed.

"What can I do?" he asked. "I'm already here four months. I put money in this. I might as well make some money."

Dig your way out of credit dumps

Q: As a result of several hefty and unexpected financial problems, our debts and monthly living expenses were outpacing our income. But we've also paid a few bills on time.

A: When we got our tax refund this spring, we paid the largest credit card bill in full and negotiated with the other credit card companies to settle the remaining debt for about three-quarters of the balances due.

We feel good about having the debt off of our backs, and happy not to be receiving the nightly phone calls from the creditors. But we've also paid a serious financial price: Our credit score sinks.

I've read lots of articles about getting or having credit but haven't seen any about restoring one's financial standing after it has been damaged. Can you offer us any advice on the best ways to go about rebuilding our damaged credit?

A: Yes, but first a few words about the way you handled your financial crisis.

It's not unusual for people to face a number of financial setbacks all at once. You were wise to put off paying your credit cards when money got really tight. It's far more important to make sure you've got a roof over your head, food on your table, a way to get to your job and someone to look after your children so you can work. Too many people pay the wrong bills in a crisis, simply because the credit card companies call more often.

(and often are more obnoxious) than the mortgage or auto lender.)

As you know, though, your late payments didn't do your credit score any good, and neither did those debt settlements. Lenders, and your credit score, don't react well when you pay less than you owe.

The way to repair the damage is first to get your financial house in order.

Next, get a secured credit card—preferably one that's from a company that reports to all three credit bureaus and that converts to a regular credit card after 12 to 18 months of on-time payments.

Getting an installment loan such as an auto loan can help rebuild your credit score fairly rapidly. You'll pay a high rate for this borrowing, though, so if you decide to proceed, make sure you make a sizable down payment so that you'll have enough equity to refinance the loan in a year or two, once your score has improved.

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Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

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2,752.60	2,423.93	Dow Jones Transportation	2,592.91	+79.19	+2.75	+95.88	+11.88
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Sunday Horoscope

Happy Grandparents Day! With so much astral activity focused in the sign of Virgo, we'll be thinking of truly helpful and interesting ways to pay homage to our ancestors. Gifts, sentiments and activities that center around creating a better relationship in the future than we had in the past will be the most cherished.

Joyce Jilison

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 12). Generosity comes back to you this week. Soak in all the success and love coming your way—you richly deserve it. A November windfall is connected to family. Couples sell joint property in October or buy. Singles find true love in January. Gemini and Libra loves are favored. Start a healthy trend this spring by getting in shape.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You get a good omen early in the day and should take it to heart. Evolving partnerships will be hugely positive. Continue to share your exuberant affection with people who can appreciate it. Tonight: Howl at the moon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You put yourself in new environments that turn out to be less comfortable than you would have hoped, but make the best of it. When you hang in there, you're bound to meet someone interesting who makes the excursion worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Enjoy loved ones, being continually grateful for what they've brought to your life. This might be easier said than done when certain people drive others crazy with their self-centered attitude. Tolerance is the key to happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There's much to explore, so handle unrelenting business early in the day. Family plays an integral role in helping you better yourself—that is, if you accept help. Friends share their good luck with you, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You know exactly what you have to offer and exactly what you want. The sets the scene for barter, trade and all kinds of negotiations. The week-

end trades are the ones you'll be the proudest of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Double your chances of luck by having backup plans for everything. Someone's idea of fun isn't yours at all. Spend more time with people who "get" you and make you laugh, too—like Leo and Scorpio.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

No one tells you where the opportunities are, but if you keep your eyes open, you'll find they're right in the picking. A sudden wave of popularity is featured tonight. You're attractive when you're doing what you enjoy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Smoldering anger magnifies everyone around. Romantic decisions are easy to make initially, but challenges arise soon after you've stated your final word. Sticking to your choice becomes the hard part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

The best way to get what you want isn't necessarily the first one that comes to mind, so use that wild imagination of yours! Be thankful for a challenge that's right up your alley.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Release past frustration—you're onto something new now, and reflecting on the past only holds you back. Someone wants to get close and might have a weird way of showing it. Be tolerant of people's quirks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Love conquers all—eventually. But the loving thing to do isn't always the easiest thing to do. Challenge yourself to take the high road in every situation that comes up.

Accept compliments graciously, and they keep coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Progress toward your goal with an open mind but a narrow focus. Saying "yes" to too many new obligations will weigh you down. Dancing or fast exercise frees your mind to accept the answers you have been waiting for.

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Updike brought back 'redux'

Could you explain the meaning and origin of "redux"? I have often read of something being "redux," but have never understood the meaning or known the correct pronunciation of the word.

"Redux" is an adjective meaning "brought back." The word, which rhymes with "sucks," derives from Latin "reducere," meaning "to lead back," and has been in use since at least 1660. Usually the adjective is placed after the noun it modifies, as in statements like "For a moment it seemed like the same old nightmare." Martina redux, choking up, beating herself." In fact, "redux" can be applied to almost

anything from movie heroes to technological projects to politicians.

Until quite recently, this word was used very rarely, though John Dryden and Anthony Trollope had each included it in the title of a work, and it was absent from most dictionaries. But after John Updike used it in 1971 for "Rabbit Redux," the title of the second in his series of novels about Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, the word caught on, and contemporary dictionaries now routinely include it.

This column was prepared by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 261, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

911 is faster than driving to hospital during emergencies

Dear Abby: My letter concerns a letter in your column.

It was written by a woman who had suffered a heart attack and was driven to the hospital by her husband.

I have been a paramedic for 18 years. It is important your readers understand that attempting to drive yourself or a loved one to a hospital is a bad idea. The 911 emergency number was put in place to help the sick and injured in a timely manner. Most citizens are not aware of the capabilities of their local emergency medical services agencies.

Today, paramedics bring the emergency room to the patient's home. We are capable of treating chest pain and, in many cases, of diagnosing a heart attack in the patient's living room. This information is relayed directly to the emergency room, where a doctor can assemble a cardiac catheterization team to promptly treat the heart attack when the patient arrives. Not every hospital can provide cardiac catheterization, so we offer the patient a choice to go directly to a properly equipped facility. In addition, we administer medications immediately.

The biggest delay in receiving

prompt care is delay in calling 911, due to denial. "Time is muscle" is our saying.

The more time you waste, the more heart muscle is damaged. The average person driving someone to a hospital cannot

treat the person, and also tends to speed and drive in an unsafe manner. Please inform your readers, Abby.

—Paul Tascino,

Waterliet, N.Y.

Dear Paul: Thank you for the valuable reminder that 911 is for life-threatening emergencies, and the expertise of the technicians can mean the difference between life and death.

Dear Abby: My

3-year-old daughter was recently invited to a birthday party for two of her classmates (twins). The party is scheduled for a weeknight from 6 to 8:30 p.m.—the time I have set for bath time, story time and lights out at 8 p.m.

Would I be rude and insensitive if I do not permit my daughter to attend? I don't want to offend the mother, but I don't want to deny my child up with sugary party snacks and activities right before a late bedtime.

—Confused in Texas

Dear Confused: Rude and



Dear Abby

Friend's constant negativity may be rubbing off on child

Dear Annie: My dear friend "Vivian" is zany, funny and irreverent. She loves to gossip.

When we were coworkers, she was my lifeline, and we have continued our friendship through the years. We often socialize during outings with our children.

Lately, I have become rather concerned about Vivian's mood. Aside from the gossip, there's a lot of negativity in her remarks. My daughter is a young teen and thinks of Vivian as her wacky aunt.

Fortunately, she shows no inclination toward copying Viv's manner of mocking and criticizing. I am, however, very concerned about Vivian's daughter, who is nearly 4.

During our lunch dates, this little girl gets an earful of nasty comments about her uncle's trampy fiancée, the neighbor's stupidity and how horrifically obese her preschool friend is. I know she cannot possibly be healthy.

This rather distasteful behavior is one of the things I used to like about Viv. Have I changed? Should I see her only when we are sans kids? Should I assume

she makes similar comments about me behind my back? What do I do?

—All Ears

Dear All Ears: You haven't changed, but you have adjusted your behavior to be more circumspect when you are around young children.

Vivian hasn't, and her attitude most definitely will influence her daughter.

Seeing her without the children doesn't guarantee that Vivian isn't doing this at home. Since she is a close friend, you might bring it up next time. ("Viv, aren't you concerned that little Susie will repeat the things you say? She's listening to your every word.") And, yes, she's probably talking about you behind your back—but let's assume it is complimentary.

Dear Annie: I've been invited to two wedding showers for the same 27-year-old woman who has been living with her fiancé for several years and already has a 2-year-old child with him. Mind you, I've already gone to a baby shower for the same couple.

insensitive? No. Rigid? Yes.

I'm willing to bet that the mother of the twins is a working woman, and the party would be earlier if it was possible. I see no harm in bending the rules or flexing your daughter's schedule once in a while. Of course, you will be going with your daughter to the party, so monitoring what she eats should be a cinch. Feeding your daughter a healthy meal before the party should ensure that she won't overdo on sugar. I say, let her go.

Dear Abby: When my 12-year-old daughter spends the night somewhere other than home, I don't sleep well. When she goes away to camp for a week, I hardly sleep at all. I am not up all night pacing the floor, worrying about her—I just can't sleep.

My sister tells me that this is not normal. Am I abnormal for losing sleep when my daughter is away?

—Sleepless Near Seattle
Dear Sleepless: No, you are a vigilant parent. Many parents cannot sleep unless they know their children are safe in their own beds and under their own roof.

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box #8940, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Readers may write to Abby on the internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

Annie's Mailbox



The bride soon will have a large wedding, with a white formal gown, flower girl, the works. Her mother is planning it all and having the time of her life. I'm happy the couple is choosing to legally marry and give their daughter a two-parent family. Annie is the word "discretion" absent from today's dictionary? It seems to me they're just greedy for gifts (she invited 75 people to one shower). In the wedding invitation, we were told where we could deposit our money for their benefit. Am I just an old fogey?

—Different Drummer

Marching
Dear Different: If you are, you have lots of company. No one outside of family and very close friends should be moving into a wedding shower. It's too good a burden. And 75 people is more fund-raiser than shower. We won't get into the lack of class needed to put suggestions about money inside a wedding invitation. We only hope the friendship is worth surviving that level of classiness.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annie@mailbox.comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

RELIGION

Minister takes pulpit to carnival grounds

BY MATT SEDENSKY
The Associated Press

SEDALIA, Mo. — The Rev. John Vakulskas walks tall among the twisting rides and twinkling lights, where the scent of cotton candy wafts and the playful cries of children resound. This is his church. These are his parishioners.

For 35 years, Vakulskas has ministered to ride operators and game booth attendants — folks who spend their lives on the road, who raise children expected to follow in their footsteps, called “carnies” by outsiders.

“This business is not for sissies,” Vakulskas tells workers at the Missouri State Fair in a late-morning Roman Catholic Mass held steps from the Ferris wheel and colorful stands offering corn dogs and snow cones. “This business is very important, because we’re bringing entertainment to God’s families.”

Vakulskas was just born ordained in 1969 when the wife of a carnival owner phoned him. Her husband was seriously ill; she needed a priest.

The man survived and helped convince Vakulskas he should more regularly serve the needs of carnival workers. He agreed. “I call it my traveling parish,” said Vakulskas, 60, whose “day job” is being pastor at two Iowa churches.

Vakulskas has Catholic counterparts elsewhere in the world who will gather this December in Rome for the Seventh International Congress of the Pastoral Care of Circus and Traveling Show People.

The church’s carnival outreach is over-

seen by the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, the same office in charge of ministries to pilots and truck drivers and seafarers.

But Vakulskas is the only member of the clergy with a permanent ministry to carnival workers in this country, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. He’s working to get priests to help out when a fair comes to their town and will give the pope a paper on the subject when he visits Rome.

Vakulskas’ job is ecumenical. He wears a stole embroidered not only with a carousel horse and a Ferris wheel, but also with a Star of David. About 30 percent of carnival workers are Catholic, but Vakulskas ministers to them regardless of their faith.

Few are able to attend services regularly, so Vakulskas offers workers a handbook entitled “Spiritual Survivor Kit,” with biblical references on dealing with everything from divorce to finances to jealousy.

He has traveled to carnivals in nearly every state, staying anywhere from a few hours to a few days, his expenses paid by the show’s owners. All told, he’s only able to make visits to 12 to 15 of the hundreds of carnivals a year, blessing rides, baptizing children, memorializing the dead and celebrating Mass, often late at night, when the rides have stopped and quiet falls over the fairgrounds.

“Sometimes we just want to give up because the hours are so long and the work is so hard,” said Tanya Ledet, 28, a carnival worker from Natchez, Miss. “He just brings



Rev. John Vakulskas leads a group of carnival workers in prayer as he says Mass at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Mo. Vakulskas has traveled the country to minister to carnival workers for the past 35 years.

out the best in us. He gives us the uplifting that everybody needs and makes us feel important.”

In his homily, Vakulskas tells workers they’re doing God’s work.

“Happy times are happening here. But there are a lot of people hurting here, too,” he said. “You’re providing entertainment to people that are carrying a lot of grief and a lot of sorrows in their life.”

Pope John Paul II has made a point to acknowledge the hardships of their lives.

“They open for their audiences a place of celebration and friendship, they bring a smile to the face of a child, and illuminate for a moment the desperate eyes of a person who is alone,” he said in 1993, when carnival and circus workers gathered at the Vatican. “Through spectacle and amusement, they render people nearer to each other.”

Pop group urges voters to choose

BY BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

The Christian pop quartet Point of Grace has settled on a theme for the fall: “I Choose You.”

“As believers, we have an incredible choice between worshipping God or the world,” singer Heather Payne said.

But with the release of the CD “I Choose You” still a month away, the members of Point of Grace have decided to give the phrase a different spin and start applying it a little early.

“We are trying to tie that in to the election,” Payne said.

As a result, they’ve joined the Redeem the Vote effort by Christian artists to boost voter registration. The nonpartisan effort aims to “educate young people on why it’s important to vote and what the issues are,” Payne said.

The group’s Web site — www.redeemthevote.com — lists 40 participating artists and groups, ranging from rapper TobyMac to rocker Jeremy Camp. At their concerts and other events, artists mention the importance of voting and provide opportunities to register, Payne said.

The effort is just one of many pushes by celebrities, ranging from Mr. & Mrs. Rock the Vote to the decidedly partisan Vote for a Change, which boasts such musical luminaries as Bruce Springsteen and the Dixie Chicks in an effort to topple President Bush.

Redeem the Vote’s nonpartisan approach is important to Payne. “I would say that most of the mainstream efforts are not quite as nonpartisan,” she said.

Payne emphasizes the educational nature of the effort. “We’re given a platform for a reason... We can say you’re vote counts,” Payne said.

While the effort welcomes Democrats and Republicans, it’s no secret that people signing up at a Redeem the Vote event are probably more likely to



Photo courtesy of the Media Collective

Members of the contemporary Christian group Point of Grace, from left: Heather Payne, Leigh Cappilino, Shelley Breen and Denise Jones. Their new CD “I Choose You” will be released Oct. 12.

vote for President Bush. A majority of the religious vote has swung to the GOP in recent elections and most pundits forecast the same for 2004.

Also, beyond the bounds of Redeem the Vote, many Christian artists are showing their support for Bush. For example, rockers Third Day and singer Jaci Velasquez performed at the Republican convention.

And Point of Grace’s support of the nonpartisan Redeem the Vote doesn’t stop them from expressing a bit of partisanship at other times. They sang at a Bush rally in Iowa on Aug. 31.

Despite that, Payne believes that no voter should feel someone else dictate whom they should vote for.

“Don’t just take it from a movie star or actress — or even a Christian music star — but look at the issues,” Payne said.

On the Web:
www.redeemthevote.com; www.rockthevote.com;
www.moveonpac.org/vfc/; www.pointofgrace.net

Today’s *Praise* is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears twice a month on the Religion page.

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Girls’ teen magazine adds religion section

BY RACHEL ZOLL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Faiza worships five times a day, while Rihanna is as likely to believe in God as in the Easter Bunny. Kristin prays too, but to the God and the Goddess.

This teenage religion debate can be found on the pages of a magazine better known for explaining how to match lipstick to blush.

Under editor-in-chief Atossa Rubenstein, the venerable girls’ publication Seventeen has added a faith section that includes inspirational messages, personal stories of spiritual struggle and testimonials on issues ranging from prayer to gay teens in church.

Verses from the New Testament, sayings from the Prophet Muhammad, the teachings of Pope John Paul II and the Dalai Lama are all featured.

“I feel, and had sensed that my readers felt, that there was an entire magazine that wasn’t speaking to a part of them,” Rubenstein said. “I just noticed more and more our readers were talking about their faith.”

Experts on religion and youth trends agree. They theorize that teens are rebelling against the broad, undefined spirituality of their baby-boomer parents, and are seeking out environments — like those in church — with clearer rules that help them cope with day-to-day problems.

In a recent study by Teenage Research Unlimited, a market research firm in Northbrook, Ill., 58



Atossa Rubenstein, editor in chief of Seventeen magazine, has added a faith section to the teen fashion publication.

percent of teens ranked faith as among the most important parts of their life, said Michael Wood, the company’s vice president.

Rubenstein said she first proposed a faith section several years ago when she was just starting out in magazine publishing. The response from the other editors, she said, was that a fashion magazine was no place for God. A year ago, she took over at Seventeen with a mandate to revamp the publication, and she revived the religion idea. For guidance, she formed an interfaith advisory board that includes an evangelical Christian preacher, a priest from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, a Reform Jewish rabbi, a Buddhist teacher, an Episcopal youth minister and two Muslims.

The section debuted in August, and Rubenstein said the reader response has been mostly positive so far.

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Bucs first test for new Gibbs era in Washington

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — How does one prepare to face a coach who's already in the Hall of Fame? Step One: Go to the tape room and dust off the football equivalent of VH-1's "I Love the '80s."

Step Two: Try not to get lost in the delirium of 90,000 fans throwing a big comeback party.

It's an unenviable task that falls to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who must try to spoil Joe Gibbs' first regular-season game in more than a decade when they open against the Washington Redskins on Sunday.

"We know it's his first game back at home, so there will be a lot of things going on out there," linebacker Derrick Brooks said.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Washington Redskins

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Game time is Central European.

"We have already discussed it behind closed doors. We can't let all of their excitement become a distraction."

It says enough about Gibbs that he won three Super Bowls with the Redskins before retiring after the 1992 season, but here's another stat that shows his importance

to Washington: The coach has accounted for 28 percent of the victories in the franchise's 73-year history — but only 15 percent of the losses.

"We're going out there expecting to win this game," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "If you look at the history, the only person to continually win here is Joe Gibbs, so if you bring him back here to cure the cancer, you think the cancer's cured."

These teams played last year, when Simcoe Rice got four sacks as the Bucs won 35-13. The NFL norm would be for both coaches to study that tape to analyze what went right and wrong, but neither Gibbs nor Tampa Bay's John Gruden gave it a single look.

"That's not even in our

film-breakdown stuff," said Gibbs, whose power, run-based offense bears no resemblance to the Fun 'n' Gun of predecessor Steve Spurrier. "What we're looking at is what they've done last year against opponents that we feel match up with some of the things we do."

Gruden had to dig much deeper to gauge the tendencies of a coach whose last meaningful game was a 20-13 playoff loss to San Francisco on Jan. 9, 1993.

"Fortunately some of us here kept some of those tapes," Gruden said. "Not that those plays are going to come up again, but we had a chance to watch Doug Williams and the Smurfs go after it pretty good, and we got a chance to get a feel of what the

greatness of the Redskins' attack looked like."

Gibbs hopes his long absence brings an element of the unknown to the game, but his players and assistants have already made it clear the overall offensive philosophy hasn't changed from those glory years.

Instead, the players are counting on riding the emotional intangibles of playing for a proven coach who has returned from the hinterlands. Or from NASCAR.

"We have what I think Bill Parcells had last year," said Smoot, referring to Dallas' playoff run after Parcells emerged from retirement. "You know what players they had, but you didn't know how to play them. I think that's how we're going to keep a lot of people off guard this year."

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College scoreboard

AP Top 25 rated

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll fared Saturday (unless otherwise noted):

No. 1 Southern Cal (1-0) vs. Colorado State. Next: at BYU, Saturday.
No. 2 Oklahoma (1-0) vs. Houston. Next: vs. No. 24 Oregon, Saturday.
No. 3 Georgia (1-0) at South Carolina. Next: vs. Marshall, Saturday.
No. 4 Florida State (0-1) lost to No. 5 Miami 16-10 in OT Friday. Next: vs. Utah, Saturday.
No. 5 Miami (1-0) defeated No. 4 Florida State 19-10 in OT Friday. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Saturday.
No. 6 LSU (1-0) vs. Arkansas State. Next: at No. 18 Auburn, Saturday.
No. 7 Texas (1-0) at Arkansas. Next: vs. Rice, Sept. 25.
No. 8 Michigan (1-0) at Notre Dame. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
No. 9 Ohio State (1-0) vs. Marshall. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
No. 10 West Virginia (1-0) at UCF. Next: vs. No. 23 Maryland, Saturday.
No. 11 Florida (0-0) vs. Eastern Michigan. Next: at No. 14 Tennessee, Saturday.
No. 12 California (0-0) vs. New Mexico State. Next: at Southern Miss, Saturday.
No. 13 Kansas State (1-1) lost to Fresno State 45-21. Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Saturday.
No. 14 Tennessee (0-0) def. UNLV 42-17, Sunday. Next: vs. No. 11 Florida, Saturday.
No. 15 Virginia (1-0) vs. North Carolina. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.
No. 16 Iowa (2-0) def. Iowa State 17-10. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
No. 17 Utah (1-0) at Arizona. Next: at Utah State, Saturday.
No. 18 Miami (2-0) beat Mississippi State 43-14. Next: vs. No. 6 LSU, Saturday.
No. 19 Miami (1-1) did not play. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.
No. 20 Clemson (1-0) vs. Georgia Tech. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
No. 21 Wisconsin (2-0) beat UNLV 18-3. Next: at Arizona, Saturday.
No. 22 Minnesota (2-0) vs. Illinois State. Next: at Colorado State, Saturday.
No. 23 Maryland (1-0) vs. Temple. Next: at Ball State, Saturday.
No. 24 Oregon (0-0) vs. Indiana. Next: at No. 2 Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 25 Purdue (1-0) beat Syracuse 51-0, Sunday. Next: vs. Ball State. Next: at Illinois, Sept. 25.

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Boise State QB Jared Zabransky (5) gets taken down on the play by Oregon State's Saby Piscitelli, but the Broncos won the game 53-34.

Boise State extends winning streak to 13

Broncos make Oregon St. first Pac-10 victim

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Jared Zabransky threw three touchdown passes and also ran for a score. Corey Hall had three interceptions and Boise State extended its winning streak to 13 games with a 53-34 victory over Oregon State on Friday night.

The Broncos, who improved to 2-0 with the first victory in school history over a Pac-10 team, have the longest current winning streak in Division I-A and their 20-game run at home also is the best in the nation. Boise State is 25-1 in its last 26 games, the lone setback a 26-24 loss last season at Oregon State.

Oregon State (0-2), coming off a 22-21 overtime loss at LSU, raced to a 14-0 lead, but the Broncos scored 34 straight points to take control.

Hall returned one of his interceptions 46 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to cut Oregon State's lead to 14-10, and

Zabransky gave the Broncos the lead late in the quarter with an 18-yard scoring pass to Derek Schouman.

Tyler Jones kicked a 26-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to make it 20-14. The Broncos pulled away in the third quarter on Schouman's 17-yard TD catch and running back Jeff Carpenter's 21-yard scoring pass to T.J. Acree.

Oregon State's Derek Anderson threw for 411 yards and four TDs — three to Mike Hass — but also had four interceptions.

The Beavers stunned the Boise State-record crowd of 30,950 when they scored on their first two possessions, with Anderson connecting with Hass on 49- and 9-yard scoring plays. Hass finished with 12 catches for 293 yards.

Zabransky, a sophomore from Hermiston, Ore., who threw only 23 passes last season as Ryan Dinwiddie's backup, was 20-for-34 for 225 yards and also ran for 13 yards on 14 carries.

Fresno State depends No. 13 Kansas State

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Paul Pinger threw two touchdowns passes to Matt Rivera and ran for another score, and Fresno State upset No. 13 Kansas State 45-21 on Saturday.

Bryson Sumlin added two TD runs in Fresno State's biggest victory ever over a ranked team — and the Wildcats' worst regular-season nonconference loss in 13 years. Fresno State (2-0) also earned its second road win over a team from a Bowl Championship Series conference in seven days.

The Bulldogs' 45 points were the most given up by the Wildcats in a regular-season nonconference game since a 56-3 loss to Washington in 1991. Fresno State's previous most decisive victory over a ranked team was a 44-24 defeat of Oregon State, then ranked 10th, in 2001.

That season the Bulldogs, from the Western Athletic Conference, also knocked off Colorado and Wisconsin on the road.

Kansas State (1-1) led 7-0 before it took a snap, but the Wildcats couldn't do much right after Bret Jones' 42-yard interception return for a touchdown less than 3½ minutes into the game. They had only two yards of offense in the first quarter and trailed 31-14 at the half.

Fresno State's defense, which scored three times in last Sunday's 35-16 victory at Washington, held Kansas State star Darren Sproles to 37 yards on 11 carries and forced two key turnovers.

Even Kansas State's one second-half score contained a mistake.

With just over a minute in the game, Brian Casey fumbled into the end zone after catching a 13-yard pass, and Tony Madison fell on it for a touchdown.

On offense, the Bulldogs gave up three interceptions — two by Jones — but otherwise exploited the Wildcats' shaky defense with a solid mix of running and passing.

Dwayne Wright ran for 74 yards and one touchdown, and caught three passes for 65 yards before being hurt on a 61-yard

swing pass play in the fourth quarter — a play that set up Sumlin's 4-yard TD run for a 45-14 lead.

Sumlin added 70 yards rushing, and Pinger was 17-for-30 for 244 yards.

No. 16 Iowa 17, Iowa St. 10: At Iowa City, Iowa, Ed Hinkel made a keying, fingertip catch for a pick touchdown and the Hawkeyes stiffened on defense when they needed to most.

Iowa (2-0) forced Iowa State to kick field goals four times after the Cyclones had driven deep into Hawkeye territory. But Brian Jansen, a freshman walk-on, missed three of those kicks and Iowa held on for its second straight victory over the Cyclones after losing five in a row.

Iowa State (1-1) had gained the momentum after Todd Blythe leaped between two defenders to catch a 40-yard touchdown pass from Austin Flynn, cutting the lead to seven with 36 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Cyclones then threw Iowa for 17 yards in losses on three plays and got the ball back at the Hawkeyes' 33. Flynn, the No. 2 quarterback, drove Iowa State to the 16 but gained only 3 yards on a quarterback draw on third-and-7.

That brought in Jansen, whose 31-yard kick hooked wide left with 9:47 remaining. Jansen, playing because regular kicker Tony Yelk has a pulled muscle, missed earlier from 30 and 45 yards and made a 41-yarder.

No. 21 Wisconsin 18, UNLV 3: At Madison, Wis., Jim Leonard returned a blocked field goal 86 yards for a score and the Badgers used two safeties to hold off the Rebels.

The Badgers (2-0) hadn't recorded two safeties in a game since 1951 and they're the first Big Ten team to do it in 23 years, since Minnesota had two at Indiana in 1981. The first came on a high snap out of the end zone on a punt by UNLV (0-2) and the second on linebacker Mark Zaleski's sack in the end zone.

Late: Miami gets best of Rix again

LATE, FROM BACK PAGE

Florida State also probably would have won the game without Rix's errors.

He threw two interceptions and fumbled twice, including the crucial one in overtime. He finished 12-for-28 for 108 yards.

"We thought we had it and we just didn't finish the game," Rix said. "We just had to execute and we didn't. We didn't do our job. That's on the offense. We didn't execute as well as we should have."

"Defense did a great job. They carried us tonight."

After the game, Bowden hinted

that he might make a change at quarterback.

"It wasn't good. It wasn't the performance I expected," he said.

But you don't want to blame it on one guy. It's going to fall on the responsibility of the coaching staff to do the right thing in regards to his play tonight."

Florida State probably will run the ball, either, gaining only 57 yards — the lowest in the series since 1994.

Miami scored 16 straight points after Florida State capitalized on two turnovers to take a 10-0 lead.

Berlin finished 20-for-36 for 255 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Gore ran 18 times for 89 yards.



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NFL scoreboard

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	0	0	0	0.000	27	24
Buffalo	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
South						
Tennessee	0	0	0	1.000	17	7
Houston	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Baltimore	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
West						
Denver	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	0.000	0	0

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
South						
Atlanta	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
North						
Chicago	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
West						
Arizona	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0.000	0	0

Thursday's game

New England 27, Indianapolis 24

Saturday games

Tennessee 17, Miami 7

Sunday's games

Detroit at Cincinnati

Oakland at Pittsburgh

San Diego at Houston

Arizona at St. Louis

Tampa Bay at Washington

Seattle at New Orleans

Jacksonville at Buffalo

Baltimore at Cleveland

San Francisco at Dallas

Dallas at Minnesota

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia

Kansas City at Denver

Monday's game

Green Bay at Carolina

Houston at Detroit

St. Louis at Atlanta

Chicago at Green Bay

Washington at N.Y. Giants

Denver at Jacksonville

Jacksonville at Tennessee

Pittsburgh at Baltimore

Carolina at Kansas City

San Francisco at New Orleans

Seattle at Tampa Bay

Seattle at Dallas

N.Y. Jets at San Diego

Buffalo at Oakland

New England at Arizona

Miami at Cincinnati

Monday, Sept. 20

Minnesota at Philadelphia

NFL calendar

Sept. 9-13 — Opening weekend of 2004 season.

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Jan. 9 — Trading deadline.

Jan. 12 — Regular season ends.

Jan. 15 — Wild-card playoffs.

Jan. 15-16 — Divisional playoffs.

Jan. 23 — Conference Championships.

Feb. 6 — Super Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.

Feb. 13 — Pro Bowl, Honolulu.

Feb. 23-March 1 — Scottie combine, Indianapolis.

April 23-24 — NFL Draft, New York.

3 interceptions help Titans defeat Browns

BY STEVEN WINE

The Associated Press

MIAMI — When the Tennessee Titans were forced to start the season 24 hours early because of Hurricane Ivan, their defense was ready.

Unfazed by the scrambled schedule, Tennessee made three interceptions Saturday, including one in their own end zone and another returned 37 yards for a touchdown by Lamont Thompson, and beat the Miami Dolphins 17-7.

Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley struggled to move the Dolphins.

Fiedler threw two interceptions, drew boos and was replaced at halftime with Miami trailing 7-0. Feeley, under pressure from a blitzing Keith Bullock, threw the interception to Thompson for Tennessee's second touchdown.

Chris Brown, making his first start as Eddie George's replacement, set up a touchdown with a 52-yard run, the Titans' longest since 1998. Brown gained 100 yards in 16 carries but sat out the second half with an ankle injury.



Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler went 5-for-13 for 42 yards and two interceptions before getting pulled at halftime.

Tennessee outshined the Dolphins 182 yards to 65. Miami kept a shutout when Feeley threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Randy McMichael with 3:22 left.

The kickoff was moved up one day to avoid bad weather associated with the approaching storm. The Dolphins announced 69,987 tickets sold, but the actual crowd

was about half that — and by the fourth quarter many fans had departed.

It wasn't the start sought by the Dolphins, who hoped to bounce back from a tumultuous summer that included the loss of three top players — Ricky Williams to retirement, David Boston to injury and Akeem Ogunleye in a trade following a contract dispute.

With Williams gone, new offensive coordinator Chris Foerster tried to open up the offense. The Dolphins lined up with an empty backfield on the first two plays and threw on the first three.

It didn't work. The Dolphins totaled six plays in first quarter, and the game was 18 minutes old before they made a first down.

Miami's best drive in the first half reached the 20, but Samari Rolle intercepted Fiedler in the end zone.

Fiedler led his team to just three first downs — one by penalty — and threw two interceptions before getting the hook. He went 5-for-13 for 42 yards, while new-comer Feeley went 21-for-31 for 194 yards.

Tennessee, the NFL's top run

defense last year, also gave up little on the ground. Fourth-year pro Travis Minor, making his first career start, carried five times for 25 yards but missed the second half with an ankle injury. Lamar Gordon, acquired this week from the St. Louis Rams for a third-round draft pick, managed just 32 yards in 13 carries.

Miami also committed 14 penalties for 76 yards.

Not even the humid, 86-degree afternoon could help the Dolphins, typically tougher to beat in muggy weather. They lost at home in September for just the third time since 1994.

The game was scoreless when an interception by Andre Dyson gave the Titans the ball near midfield, and on the next play Brown slipped through a hole up the middle and sprinted to the 2. Pass interference on Miami's Reggie Howard prevented a third-down interception, and a play later Steve McNair hit Erion Kinney with a 1-yard touchdown pass for a 7-0 halftime lead.

McNair moved the Titans 75 yards to set up a 22-yard field goal by Aaron Ellington, who signed Friday. He also missed a 33-yarder.

1964 Browns finally get trophy to keep

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Forty years later, Jim Brown and his Cleveland Browns teammates huddled together one more time as NFL champions.

On an emotional night of laughter and a few tears, it felt like Dec. 27, 1964, again.

The last Cleveland team to win a world championship, the 1964 Browns were honored Friday night at Severance Hall.

The highlight was the presentation of a championship trophy by NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue to the '64 Browns, who beat the heavily favored Baltimore Colts 27-0 for the title.

Brown was joined by fellow Heisman Trophy winner Leroy Kelly and Paul Warfield as well as Frank Ryan, Gary Collins and other members of the '64 squad.

Browns owner Randy Lerner has hoped to recreate the old Browns with his new team by

NFL briefs

holding the gala, and he commissioned for a trophy to be made to honor the '64 team.

Before there was a Super Bowl or a Vince Lombardi Trophy, the NFL gave its champions the Ed Thorp Trophy, an award named after an official who later made footballs for the league.

Like hockey's Stanley Cup, the Thorp was inscribed with the winner's name by the league and passed from champion to champion each year. When the Browns won in '64, they inherited it from the Chicago Bears, the 1963 titlists.

But when the Browns lost the 1965 NFL championship game to Green Bay, they handed the Thorp over to the Packers, who have kept it to this day in their Hall of Fame.

That's because after the 1966 season, NFL champions got a new trophy each year. It was named the Lombardi Trophy in 1970 to honor the Green Bay coach.

Colts safety Doss expected to miss at least 3 weeks

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts safety Mike Doss is expected to miss at least three weeks with a pulled hamstring.

Doss pulled up lame during a punt return early in Thursday night's 27-24 season-opening loss to New England. He was taken from the sideline to the locker room on a golf cart.

Coach Tony Dungy confirmed Friday that Doss could miss several weeks.

"It looks like it will be a while, probably at least three weeks," Dungy said. "We've got some guys on the roster who can play and will play."

Backup Anthony Floyd re-

placed Doss for most of Thursday's game, but the Colts are thin in the secondary where injuries have hit hard. Without Doss, the Colts have just three other safeties on the active roster — Floyd, Idrees Bashir and Cory Bird, who was inactive Thursday after suffering a concussion in the final exhibition game.

Wide receiver Dwight Lightly to miss 4-6 weeks

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers wide receiver Tim Dwight is expected to miss Sunday's opener at Houston because of a hamstring injury.

Dwight missed his third straight practice Friday. The Chargers will start Eric Parker and Reggie Caldwell at wideout.

Dwight missed seven games last season, six due to a partially collapsed lung and one with a knee injury. He also missed six games in 2001 with a collapsed lung.

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Mularkey ready for debut as Bills' head coach

BY JOHN WAWROW

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Mike Mularkey prepares to make his head-coaching debut secure that he made the right decision to quit his day job as a computer salesman some 11 years ago.

"I don't miss that. That wasn't me," Mularkey said, referring to the time he spent working for IBM in the early 1990s after the former NFL tight end's playing days were over. "But it was a great experience. It let me have a little taste what the real world was like."

Welcome to his fantasy world.

Starting as a quality control assistant in Tampa Bay, Mularkey worked his way up the professional ranks to assume the role of rookie head coach of the Buffalo Bills last January. Nothing compares to this.

"There's no emotional high and low that you get that you can compare to any other job in the world," said Mularkey, who at 42 is the third youngest coach in the league. "I know that no matter how many software programs I marketed, I didn't get any experience like I did on the football field."

Mularkey will get to experience them from a new perspective

starting Sunday when the Bills open their season hosting Jacksonville (7 p.m. CDT Sunday, AFX-Sports).

The former Steelers offensive coordinator took over after Gregg Williams was fired. Mularkey, 42, inherits a veteran-laden, yet under-achieving team coming off a 6-10 season, challenged with the task of winning immediately.

Mularkey's situation is not much different from that of Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio, the former NFL linebacker who is two years younger and made his rookie debut last year.

The Jaguars might be coming off a 5-11 season, but the expectations are higher for a team that en-

joyed an encouraging finish by winning four of its last eight games.

"Certainly, I can relate to it," Del Rio said, referring to Mularkey. "I would prefer to let Mike kind of find his own way. And we'll talk after our game."

Two teams being asked to erase last year's troubles, and who coincidentally last made the playoffs in 1999, get a chance to start anew.

"It can be portrayed a lot of different ways," Del Rio said.

"I know this, these are two football teams that are probably more talented than the record last year indicates. I think we're both excited about going out and having better years."

Mike Mularkey

Steelers, Raiders longing for old days

Former AFC powers coming off losing seasons

By ALAN ROBINSON

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — They are as steeped in tradition as two AFC teams can be, these franchises of Al Davis and the Rooneys, Chuck Noll and John Madden and, yes, the Immaculate Reception. They have seven Super Bowl trophies between them, and each stopped the other from possibly winning more.

Those were the good old days for the Oakland Raiders and the Pittsburgh Steelers, once the NFL's most feared men in black.

The nowadays? They're not so good, with the Raiders (4-12) and Steelers (6-10) each coming off one of their worst seasons since the NFL merger in 1970.

To try to recapture the past, both teams start the new season Sunday in Pittsburgh by renewing a durable rivalry with some familiar old names, albeit in new places.

"We're not worried about what happened before or what happened a way long time ago," Raiders defensive lineman Warren Sapp said.

"It's a whole new group of guys."

Actually, the Raiders brought in a whole old group of guys after a year of injuries and infighting under former coach Bill Callahan ruined what was a Super Bowl team the season before.

To repair one of the NFL's worst defenses, the Raiders signed three proven linemen in Sapp (Tampa Bay) and of Washington and Bobby Hackett (New England), a proven back (Ray Buchanan), and a proven name: Bob Ryan, the son of former NFL coach Buddy Ryan, was hired



away from New England to run the defense.

Offensively, they added one Super Bowl quarterback, Kerry Collins, to complement another, 2002 NFL MVP Rich Gannon, and No. 2 draft pick Robert Gallery, who has the demeanor of an old-school lineman. To run the whole show, former Washington coach Norv Turner was hired.

The Steelers' rebuilding effort also centers around a name from the past: 67-year-old former Cincinnati coach Dick LeBeau returns as defensive coordinator.

The man who made the Blitzburg defense all the rage in the late-1990s lacks the name players of then (Rod Woodson, Kevin Greene, Greg Lloyd), but

hopes this less-recognizable defense can make a name for itself with ingenuity and creative blitzing.

"They're still doing a lot of the things here we did in the past," LeBeau said.

Just not as well. The Steelers were near the bottom in sacks (35) and turnovers (25) in 2003, and Cowher felt they were too passive and inactive. But while they changed coaches, they didn't change many players; the three new faces on defense (safeties

Chris Hope and Troy Polamalu and linebacker Clark Haggans) all were backups last season.

Offensively, the main additions are running back Duce Staley and first-round quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who probably won't start until next season. The offensive line, so inconsistent a year ago, remains a work of unsteady progress.

"We are headed into a season of unknowns," Cowher said. "How we handle some of the bumps along the way will tell us a lot about the makeup of this team and the character of this team."

No doubt Turner could say the same thing. His offensive line was unsettled days before the opener, with Gallery practicing at tackle and guard. The running game won't scare anyone and, with 41-year-old Jerry Rice still starting, the Raiders look terribly thin at receiver.

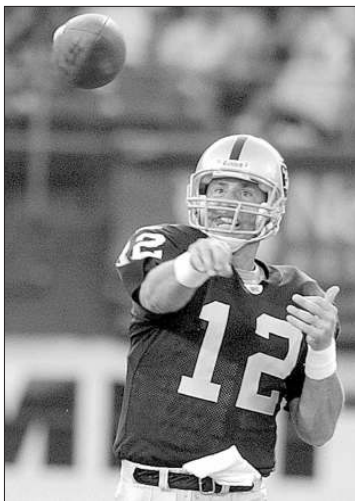
Cornelback Charles Woodson also missed training camp before signing a one-year contract and now must go against Pittsburgh's dangerous Plaxico Burress off no game action.

To compensate, Sapp said the Raiders must get after immobile quarterback Tommy Maddox before he can get the ball to Burress and Hines Ward, who has averaged seven catches and 82 yards in the last three Steelers' openers.

"We got to get him and rattle him and get him off the spot, where he's... doing some stuff that is not in his game," Sapp said.

Based on the last two seasons, it's hard to tell which direction the Raiders will go in Pittsburgh.

They won here 30-17 in 2002 as Gannon, taking a quick drop and throwing before the confused



Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon, the NFL's MVP in 2002, played only seven games last season because of a shoulder injury.

Steelers could react, threw a club-record 64 times out of the since-dismissed West Coast offense. Last year, Oakland's offense never crossed the Steelers 20 in a 27-7 loss in which Ward suggested the Raiders effectively quit, they were 0-8 on the road

last season and have dropped nine straight there.

"You always want to start off the season with a win. You want to start off the season hot," wide receiver Jerry Porter said.

"We want to prove last year was an injury-ridden fluke."

Warner eager to make first start vs. Philadelphia

By BOB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kurt Warner traded in his clipboard and baseball cap for a helmet, a football and a new uniform.

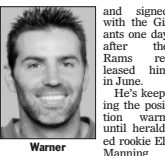
Frustrated and humbled by injuries and inactivity, the two-time NFL MVP will start his first game since last year's opener when the New York Giants visit the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Warner hasn't won a game since leading the Eagles in the 2001 NFC championship game to send the St. Louis Rams to the Super Bowl.

The stakes are much lower this time, but Warner wants to improve his new teammates.

"It's just exciting to be back on the field," said Warner, who has lost his last eight starts, including one to the New England Patriots in the 2001 Super Bowl. "Physically, I feel great. After not playing much last year, my body feels great. I just want to play at a high level. That's my goal."

Warner lost his job to Marc Bulger in St. Louis last season,



Warner isn't ready to relinquish his job, though.

"I'm very confident I can play at the level I've played in the past," he said. "Last year was the hardest thing I had to do, because I knew I could still play at the highest level. It was extremely frustrating as any season I've had."

While the Giants begin their rebuilding process under new coach Tom Coughlin, the three-time Tom Coughlin champion Eagles hope to start on a road trip and will finally take them to the Super Bowl after three straight losses in the conference title game.



They've added star wide receiver Terrell Owens to an offense that includes four-time Pro Bowl quarterback Donovan McNabb and running back Brian Westbrook. They brought in premier pass rusher Jevon Kearse, three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Hugh Douglas and linebackers Dwan Jones and Jevon Kearse. Trotter to bolster a defense that lost cornerbacks Troy Vincent, Bobby Taylor and linebacker Carlos Emmons.

Anything less than a trip to the Super Bowl will be considered a failure in a championship-starved city that hasn't celebrated since

the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983.

"It's not for me to say if I'm the missing link or not, but I definitely know my position on the team," Owens said. "I'm definitely here to try to win a Super Bowl, and that's the stand that I'm taking right now. We're going to take our first step toward that on Sunday."

The Giants are coming off a 4-12 season in which they lost their last eight games, costing coach Jim Fassel his job. Coughlin, who twice led the Jacksonville Jaguars to the AFC championship game in their first eight seasons, was hired in January, bringing his disciplinary style to a team he once worked for as an assistant under Bill Parcells.

Coughlin's task is similar to the one he had when he joined the expansion Jaguars. He has to prepare Manning for the future while leading the Giants back to respectability.

"I missed it a great deal, the players, the daily planning," Coughlin said about his year away from the game. "I also came away with a renewed energy for

the way things are done. I believe in doing things a certain way. I want players around me that share these kind of convictions."

The Eagles finished 12-4 last year, but again could not take advantage of playing at home in the playoffs, losing 14-3 to the Carolina Panthers in the NFC championship game.

McNabb is focused on getting past that hurdle, but he'll need Owens to play at his Pro Bowl level, and Westbrook to stay healthy.

The Eagles have only untied second-year pro Reno Mahe and rookie Thomas Tate behind Westbrook after Duce Staley for Pittsburgh and Correll Buckhalter went down with a season-ending knee injury.

"I just have to step my game up," McNabb said. "As a quarterback, you want to make sure that you're doing whatever it takes in the pass game, as well as in the run game, to kind of take a lot of pressure off their shoulders. Where we're given opportunities to make plays, just make sure we put the guys in great position to be successful."

Hewitt reaches U.S. Open final

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lleyton Hewitt played another round of perfect tennis, putting aside his friendship with Joachim Johansson and handling the big Swede's booming serve to breeze into the U.S. Open final with a 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 victory Saturday.

Hewitt has not lost a set in winning six straight matches at Flushing Meadows. No man in the Open era — since 1968 — has won this tournament without losing at least one set.

The fourth-seeded Hewitt and No. 28 Johansson had never played each other, though they were plenty familiar with each other.

Johansson's longtime girlfriend, Jaslyn, is Hewitt's sister — not wanting to take sides, she sat in a private suite at Arthur Ashe Stadium, rather than in either player's private box.

Over the past two Christmas breaks, Johansson had joined the Hewitt family in Australia and played on their backyard court, practicing with Lleyton.

"It's definitely a bit awkward," Hewitt said. "My parents and sister sit in his box all week long."

Asked whom he thought Jaslyn rooted for, Hewitt said, "It has to be her brother."

Hewitt, the 2001 Open champion, will try for his third Grand Slam title on Sunday when he takes on the winner of the Roger Federer-Tim Henman match. Hewitt has a winning record against both players — 8-5 vs. Federer and 8-0 vs. Henman.

On Saturday night, the all-Russian women's final matched Elena Dementieva and Svetlana Kuznetsova.

In a match that was more entertaining than well



Australia's Lleyton Hewitt makes a return against Joachim Johansson of Sweden in the U.S. Open Saturday in New York. Hewitt won 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

played, Dementieva somehow outlasted Jennifer Capriati 6-0, 2-6, 2-6 (5) Friday.

Dementieva won it on her second match point, and advanced to play Kuznetsova for the championship. Earlier, Kuznetsova became the first Russian woman to reach the Open final when she beat a limping Lindsay Davenport 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

It will be the second all-Russian final in a major this year. Dementieva lost to Anastasia Myskina in the French Open, then Russian Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon.

Hewitt won his 16th straight match overall, closing it out with taking the final 12 points. He had only 14 unforced errors after having just 10 in his quarterfinal win over Tommy Haas.

Johansson's best chance was overpowering Hewitt with his serve, and it didn't work. True to form, Hewitt managed to get those rockets back just fine.

Johansson relied on his serve in beating Andy Roddick in the quarters, and began the day with 106 total aces, the most in the tournament. He finished with 107.

On the other hand, Johansson had only one break chance the entire afternoon. He missed it, and the fifth game of the day went to Hewitt.

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Canadian Weir leads in Ontario

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — The Canadian Open got the perfect gift for its 100th anniversary — Mike Weir in the lead with a flawless round of 5-under 66, and a showdown with the No. 1 player in golf looming on the weekend.

Weir made Glen Abbey sound like a Sunday at Augusta National, sending the gallery into a frenzy with a 3-iron into 3 feet for eagle to take the lead and sticking a 5-iron close for birdie on his final hole to finish one shot ahead of Vijay Singh among those who finished 36 holes Friday.

Weir was at 9-under 133 and in the lead in his national open for the first time.

In his first tournament since replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1 in the world, Singh certainly looked the part. After finishing with 11 first nine holes in 40, he broke the Canadian Open record with a 28 on the front nine — 7 under during one seven-hole stretch — then added a 66 in the second round.

Because of a 5-hour rain delay at the start of the tournament, about half the field was going to have to return Saturday morning to finish the second round.

Craig Barlow, Weir's best friend from their mini-tour days, had a 69 and was at 6-under 142.

Sorenstam one stroke back in first action in five weeks

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. — Christina Kim shot a 6-under 65

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and held a one-stroke lead over Annika Sorenstam and rookie Shi Hyun Ahn after the first round of the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic.

Kim, coming off a second-place finish at the State Farm Classic, had seven birdies and a bogey.

Sorenstam, playing for the first time in five weeks, and Ahn were one stroke in front of Reiley Rankin, another tour newcomer.

Three golfers were tied at 68. Defending champion Karrie Webb, who won a year by nine strokes, shot a 3-over 73.

Sorenstam had seven birdies and two bogeys. She made birdie putts from 12 feet on 12 and from about 15 feet on 18.

McDowell holds lead in German Masters

PULHEIM, Germany — Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland shot a 3-under 69 Saturday, giving him a three-stroke lead over European Ryder Cup player Padraig Harrington of Ireland after three rounds in the German Masters.

McDowell, a former top-ranked NCAA golfer at UAB, played an excellent round before bogeying the 16th and 17th holes. He was at 14-under 202 with one round left in the final event before next week's Ryder Cup with the United

States at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

Els on a roll in Korea

CHEONAN, South Korea — Ernie Els shot a 3-under-par 69 and trailed leader Terry Pildar of Australia by a stroke after two rounds of the Korean Open.

Els, ranked No. 3 in the world, was at 4-under 140 in the Asian Tour event and is bidding for his fourth title this year. His round was highlighted by an eagle on the par-5 11th.

Goosen fades in Japan

INZAI, Japan — Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen shot a 1-over-71 to fall five strokes behind in the Suntory Open, while Australian Scott Laycock took a one-stroke lead with a 69.

Laycock offset three bogeys with four birdies and is at 6-under 134 at the Sobe Country Club.

South Korea E.Y. Yang is a stroke back along with three others after an even-par 70.

Kroger Classic under way

MAINEVILLE, Ohio — European Tour veteran Des Smyth and television analyst Gary McCord shot 7-under 68 to share the first-round lead at the Kroger Classic.

Oliver Kite, David Eger and Doug Tewell were at 6 under, and six players were two strokes off the pace.

Drexler glides into hoops Hall of Fame

BY TRUDY TYNAN
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — On the playgrounds of Houston, a young Clyde Drexler used to pretend he was Julius Erving, flying over defenders with a championship on the line.

On Friday night, Drexler's idol, "Dr. J," presented him for induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Tim dreaming tonight," Drexler said. "My childhood idol is presenting me for induction into the Hall of Fame. It doesn't get any better than this. I am dreaming. I don't want to be awakened."

Drexler, who earned the nickname "Clyde the Glide" for his own swooping moves, was inducted Friday along with coach Bill Sharman, already in the Hall of Fame as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year; Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalagic, an international star.

"I dreamed to fly. I wanted to be like him," Drexler said of Erving.

What set Drexler apart, Erving said, was his ability and imagination to take the game above the rim "and make things happen."

Selected as one of the 50 great



Clyde Drexler is one of three players in NBA history with more than 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists.

est players in the NBA in 1997, the 6-foot-7 guard excelled at all levels of the game.

Drexler attended the University of Houston and was part of the high-flying Phi Slama Jama team that played in two Final Fours.

In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995. He's one of three players in league history with 20,000 points, 6,000 rebounds and 6,000 assists. He won an Olympic gold medal with the Dream Team in 1992.

U.S. team iced in semis of World Cup of Hockey

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Saku Koivu's unchallenged goal with 3:54 left Friday night lifted Finland to a 2-1 victory over the United States in the World Cup of Hockey semifinals.

The Americans, who led 1-0 with 15 minutes remaining, were denied a chance to defend their 1996 World Cup title. The Finns advance to Tuesday's championship game in Toronto, where they will play either the Czech Republic or Canada — who play Saturday in the other semifinal.

Koivu and his teammates swarmed goalie Mikko Kiprusoff when the horn sounded, and the mob of blue jerseys slid back toward the boards to celebrate their trip to the final.

Doug Weight's power-play goal on a pretty pass from Scott Gomez gave the U.S. team and goalie Robert Esche the lead midway through the second period. But Kiprusoff kept Finland in it with another sound performance in the net.

Kiprusoff — whose Calgary Flames beat U.S. coach Ron Wilson's NHL team, the San Jose Sharks, in the Western Conference finals last season — made 16 saves. Esche stopped 10 shots.

U.S. goalie knocked in a loose puck to tie the game at 1 early in the third, snapping the Finns out of their slumber after managing just

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seven shots on net through the first two periods.

A defensive lapse cost the U.S. team when it counted, though.

Ossi Vaananen sent a pass across the ice to Koivu, who was camped out at the right post. He bobbled the puck twice but still had plenty of time to put an uncontested shot in as Brian Leetch and Tony Amonte arrived too late.

Back spasms end Jones' year

BERLIN — Marion Jones pulled out of Sunday's Golden League meet because of back pain, and organizers said she won't compete again this year.

Also out of the meet is Liu Xiang, the Olympic 110-meter hurdles champion and co-holder of the world record. Organizers said he did not receive permission from his federation.

Armstrong has knee tendinitis

SAN FRANCISCO — Lance Armstrong withdrew from Sunday's street race in San Francisco because of tendinitis in his right knee.

Armstrong, who won his record sixth straight Tour de France title in July, had already arrived in San Francisco when his knee began bothering him enough that he knew he needed to rest it.



Boston Red Sox's Manny Ramirez points skyward as he walks with teammate Johnny Damon after Ramirez hit a grand slam in the seventh inning Friday in Seattle.

Schilling plays stopper again

Ramirez grand slam highlights Boston ace's 19th win

By JIM COUR
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — When the Boston Red Sox are coming off a loss, they want Curt Schilling on the mound.

Schilling became the first 19-game winner in the major leagues this year and Manny Ramirez homered twice, including his second grand slam of the season, to lead Boston over the Seattle Mariners 13-2 Friday night.

Schilling (19-6) won his sixth straight start, his longest winning streak since he won six in a row with Arizona from June 30 to July 27, 2002. He allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, walking none for the fifth consecutive start. Schilling is 10-3 following Boston losses, winning seven in a row.

"I wanted to come here and I wanted to help this team get to a World Series," Schilling said. "Right now, it's working out that way. We're playing great baseball and things are going well for us."

David Ortiz hit a go-ahead homer in a five-run sixth inning, and Johnny Damon had three RBIs for the Red Sox, who cut the New York Yankees'

AL East lead to 2½ games. Before the game, Schilling watched some of the Yankees' 14-8 loss at Baltimore.

"I realized a lot of good things could happen tonight," he said.

Mariners manager Bob Melvin, Arizona's bench coach when Schilling and Randy Johnson helped the Diamondbacks beat the Yankees in the World Series three years ago, thinks Schilling might be a better pitcher now.

"He was throwing some stuff I haven't seen him throw before," Melvin said. "He has picked up a cutter and a two-seamer."

Ramirez tied Ted Williams and Jimmie Foxx for fifth on the career grand slam list at 17, passing Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth. The only players ahead of Ramirez are Lou Gehrig (23), Eddie Murray (19), and Willie McCovey and Robin Ventura (18 each).

Ramirez, who hit a solo homer in the fourth off Ryan Franklin (3-15) and the grand slam in the seventh against Aaron Taylor, reached 40 homers for the fourth time in his career, the first since 2001. Ortiz and Ramirez have homered in the same game 12 times this season.

"When Manny hit both those balls, he looked like he was out in front of them," manager Terry Francona said. "But he used his hands and his wrists. I'm glad he's on our side."

Ramirez, Boston's left fielder, made an error on Dan Wilson's fly ball that led to four unearned runs in the fifth inning of a 7-1 loss to Seattle on Thursday night. He said he wasn't thinking about making up for his misdeed.

"I just try to go out and do my thing," he said. "I don't want to put any pressure on myself."

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 0-for-4, ending his 14-game hitting streak. Suzuki has 229 hits, 28 shy of the record George Sisler set in 1920.

Franklin gave up seven runs — three earned — six hits in three walks in 5½ innings, dropping to 0-11 in 17 starts since beating the Chicago White Sox on June 5. He is Seattle's first 15-game loser since Erik Hanson was 8-17 in 1992.

Franklin wasn't around to talk to the media after the game. His left thumb died two days ago and he left immediately after showing to take a plane Spiro, Okla., his hometown, for the funeral on Saturday.

Fifth straight loss cuts A's lead in West to one

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — From countless clutch homers to a 20-game winning streak, the Oakland Athletics have specialized in late-season, late-inning heroics over the past four years.

They seemed ready to work that magic again on Friday night — until Casey Blake and Cleveland's bullpen stole the show.

Blake's 12th-inning homer sent the A's to their fifth straight loss, 4-3 to the surging Indians. Oakland's lead in the AL West dwindled to one game over the Anaheim Angels despite plenty of chances to snap the skid that is threatening the A's run for a fifth straight postseason trip.

Coco Crisp tied it with a home run in the eighth inning off Mark Mulder. The Indians got 6½ scoreless innings from seven relievers, and Ryan Ludwick also homered in Cleveland's sixth victory over Oakland in seven meetings this season.

"We came out of a real good pitching duel with a win," Crisp said. "It was just a couple of mistakes either way."

Nick Swisher's spectacular diving catch in the 11th seemed to herald another memorable victory, but the A's couldn't do it.

After Oakland couldn't score with the bases loaded and one out in the 11th, Blake — hitless in his first five at-bats — hit his 26th homer off rookie Justin Duchscherer (5-6). Oakland's fifth of six straight losses.

Rick White (5-5) escaped the 11th-inning jam for Cleveland, and Bob Wickman finished for his eighth save in nine chances.

Orioles 14, Yankees 8: Brian Roberts and Larry Bigbie had two hits apiece in an eight-run

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third inning, and the Orioles ended the visiting Yankees' five-game winning streak.

Miguel Tejada and Melvin Mora homered, and B.J. Surhoff had a season-high four RBIs for the Orioles, who have won eight of 11.

Baltimore sent 13 batters to the plate in the third against Javier Vazquez (13-9) and two relievers.

Angels 7, White Sox 5: Garrett Anderson hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Jeff Baneranu (0-1) in the eighth inning and Vladimir Guerrero had a three-run homer, leading the Angels over visiting Chicago.

Francisco Rodriguez (3-1) got the win despite allowing three hits and three runs — two earned — in one inning.

Twins 4, Tigers 1: Carlos Silva (11-8) won for the first time in more than a month and Jacques Jones drove in two runs to lead Minnesota at Detroit.

J.C. Romero extended his scoreless streak to 35½ innings, and Joe Nathan finished for his 40th save.

Rangers 10, Blue Jays 3: Ryan Drees pitched seven innings and Kevin Mench homered twice for the Rangers at home.

Drees (12-8) allowed one run and six hits, struck out seven and walked one.

Royals 8, Devil Rays 5: Dee Brown and Desi Relaford doubled during a six-run seventh inning and the Royals rallied from a five-run deficit to seal a visiting Tampa Bay to its 12th straight loss.

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Better late than never

Miami rallies, defeats FSU in overtime in game delayed 4 days by Hurricane Frances

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Although Chris Rix's fumble overshadowed Xavier Bettis's blocked field goal, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden will remember them both.

The mistakes cost his team dearly against Miami on Friday night, as the fifth-ranked Hurricanes rallied to beat the No. 4 Seminoles 16-10 in overtime for their sixth straight victory in the series.

"This was beyond frustration," Bowden said. "This is about as disappointing as it gets."

Bettis had a 34-yard blocked with about four minutes to play.

The kick would have given Florida State a 10-point lead. Instead, it gave Miami life in the hurricane-delayed season opener for both teams.

Brock Berlin drove the Hurricanes 80 yards in five plays, connecting with Sinorice Moss on a 30-yard touchdown play to tie it at 10 with 30 seconds to play.

Still, the Seminoles had a chance to pull ahead in overtime. But Rix fumbled on third down, and the Hurricanes ended it from there.

Frank Gore ran 18 yards on Miami's second play in overtime, giving the Hurricanes a victory in

their first game in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"We had our chance to put them away and we didn't," Bowden said. "They had a chance to put us away and they did."

The meeting was the third in less than 11 months for the teams.

The game was delayed four days because of Hurricane Frances, which also was blamed for killing Bowden's 15-year-old grandson and former son-in-law. They were killed last Sunday when their car was hit by a utility truck that was helping to restore power outages.

Bowden said the distraction didn't affect his team.

Rix and the kicking game did, though.

The rivalry has been defined by missed field goals, all of them by Florida State. Wide Right I, II and III. Bettis's wide left kick in 2002 and his wide right one at the end of the 2004 Orange Bowl.

The block merely adds a new twist to an old story.

"It's amazing, the kicking game through the years," Bowden said. "They haven't blocked kicks; we've missed them. Tonight, they blocked it. I believe we would have won the game if they didn't block it."

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Miami RB Frank Gore scores the game-winning touchdown against Florida State in overtime Friday in Miami. The Hurricanes rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit and tied the game with 30 seconds left in regulation. AP

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